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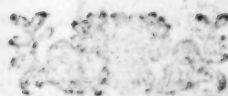
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LIS SOCIETATIS Londini, a Rege
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CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei
gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hi-
berniae Rex, fidei Defensor, etc. om-
nibus, ad quos praesentes Literae pervenerint,
salutem. Div multumque apud nos statuimus,
ut imperii fines, sic etiam artes atque scientias
ipsas promovere. Favemus itaque omnibus di-
sciplinis, particulari autem gratia indulgemus
philosophicis studiis, praesertim iis, quae solidis
experimentis conantur aut novam extundere
philosophiam, aut expolire veterem. Vt igi-
tur inclarescant apud nostros hujusmodi studia,
B quae

quae nusquam terrarum adhuc satis emicuerunt; utque nos tandem universus literarum orbis non solum fidei defensorem, sed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum semper agnoscat: **SCIATIS**, quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris ordinavimus constituimus concessimus et declaravimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus constituimus concedimus et declaramus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas de Praefidente * Concilio et Sodalibus consistens, quae vocabitur et nuncupabitur *Regalis Societas*; et eandem Societatem, per nomen *Praefidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis*, unum corpus incorporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus ordinamus creamus et constituimus per praesentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant successionem perpetuam: Et quod ipsi et eorum successores (quorum studia applicanda sunt ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium scientias experimentorum fide ulterius promovendas) per idem nomen *Praefidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis* praedictae, sint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus personae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et possidendum terras et tenementa prata pascua pasturas libertates privilegia franchises iurisdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque sibi

* Sic in Authentic.

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et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel annorum, seu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla ac omnes alias res cujuscunque fuerint generis naturae speciei sive qualitatis; necnon ad dandum concedendum dimittendum et assignandum eadem terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, et omnia facta et res necessarias faciendum et exequendum de et concernentia eisdem¹, per nomen praedictum: Et quod per nomen *Praesidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis* praedictum placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi, de caetero in perpetuum valeant et possint, in quibuscunque curiis placeis et locis, et coram quibuscunque Iudicibus et Iusticiariis et aliis personis et officiariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum, in omnibus et singulis actionibus placitis sectis querelis causis materiis rebus et demandis quibuscunque, cujuscunque sint aut erunt generis naturae vel speciei; eisdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei nostri intra hoc regnum nostrum Angliae, personae habiles et in lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus incorporatum vel politicum intra hoc regnum nostrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere possidere dare et concedere, placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere vel defendi, valeant et possint, valeat et possit: Et quod idem Praeses Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis prae-

¹ Sic in Authentic.

dictae et successores sui habeant in perpetuum commune Sigillum, pro causis et negotiis suis et successorum suorum quibuscunque agendis deserviturum; et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout iis melius fore videbitur expediri. Et, quod intentio nostra regia meliorem sortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis Societatis de tempore in tempus, **VO LV-
MVS**, ac per praesentes pro **nobis** heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus **iisdem** Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod de caetero in perpetuum Concilium praedictum erit et consistet ex viginti et una personis (quarum Praefidem semper unum esse volumus) et quod omnes et singulae aliae personae, quae intra unum mensem proximum sequentem post datum praesentium per Praefidem et Concilium, et in omni tempore sequenti per Praefidem Concilium et Sodales, in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut **Membra Regalis Societatis** praedictae, et in Registro per ipsos conservando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Societatis* praedictae: quos, quanto eminentius omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum studio clarescant, quanto ardentius huiusce Societatis honorem studia et emolumentum promoveri cupiant,

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quanto vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate animique erga nos coronam et dignitatem nostram sincero affectu polleant; eo magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejusdem Societatis numerum adsciscantur, omnino censi volumus. Et, pro meliori executione voluntatis et concessionis nostrae in hac parte, ASSIGNAVIMVS nominavimus constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum Vicecomitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium praecharissimae consorti nostrae Reginae Catherinae, fore et esse primum et modernum Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quod praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* in officio Praesidis Regalis Societatis praedictae a datu praesentium usque ad festum Sancti Andreae proximum sequens post datum praesentium continuabit, et quousque unus alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus et juratus fuerit, juxta ordinationem et provisionem in his praesentibus inferius expressam et declaratam (si praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* tam diu vixerit) sacramento corporali in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia bene et fideliter exequendum, secundum veram intentionem harum praesentium, coram praedilecto et perquam fideli consanguineo et consiliario nostro Edwardo

Comite *Clarendon* Cancellario nostro Angliae prius praestito; cui quidem Edwardo Comiti *Clarendon* Cancellario nostro praedicto sacramentum praedictum administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus, in haec verba sequentia, viz. I WILLIAM VIS-COUNT BOUNCKER *doe promise to deale faithfully and honestly in all things belonging to the trust committed to mee, as President of this Royall Societie, during my employment in that capacitie. So helpe me God!* ASSIGNAVIMVS etiam constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus, dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum *Moray* Militem unum a secretioribus nostris conciliis in regno nostro Scotiae, Robertum *Boyle* Armigerum, Willielmum *Brereton* Armigerum filium primogenitum Baronis de *Brereton*, Kenelm. *Digby* Militem praecharissimae matri nostrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, Paulum *Neile* Militem unum Generosorum camerae privatae nostrae, Henricum *Slingesby* Armigerum alium Generosorum praedictae privatae camerae nostrae, Willielmum *Petty* Militem, Iohannem *Wallis* in theologia Doctorem, Timotheum *Clarke* in medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum nostrorum, Iohannem *Wilkins* in theologia Doctorem, Georgium *Ent* in medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum *Aerskine* unum a poculis nostris, Ionathan. *Goddard* in medicinis Doctorem et Professore Collegii de *Gresham*, Christopherum *Wren* in medicinis Doctorem *Saville* astronomiae Professore in academia nostra

stra Oxoniensi, Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum, Matthaeum *Wren* Armigerum, Iohannem *Evelyn* Armigerum, Thomam *Henshaw* Armigerum, *Dudly Palmer* de *Greys Inn* in comitatu nostro Middlesexiae Armigerum, et *Henricum Oldenburg* Armigerum, una cum Praefide praedicto, fore et esse primos et modernos viginti et unum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, continuandos in eisdem officiis a datu praesentium usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli proximum sequens, et deinde, quousque aliae idoneae personae et habiles et sufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et juratae fuerint (si tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua iusta et rationabili causa non amotae fuerint) sacramentis corporalibus coram Praefide praedictae Regalis Societatis ad officia sua bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exequendum prius praestandis, secundum formam et effectum praedicti sacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praefidi Regalis Societatis praedictae per Cancellarium nostrum Angliae administrandi (cui quidem Praefidi pro tempore existenti sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per praesentes) et quod eadem personae sic, ut praefertur, ad Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae praefectae et juratae, et in posterum eligendae praeficiendae et jurandae de tempore in tempus, erunt et existent auxiliantes consulentes et assistentes in omnibus materiis

¹ Sic in Authent.

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rebus

rebus et negotiis meliorem regulationem gubernationem et directionem praedictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuslibet Membri ejusdem, tangentibus seu concernentibus. ET ULTERIUS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod Praeses Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentes (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et authoritatem habeant et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quod eligere et nominare possint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, qui sit et erit Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli exinde proximum sequens (si tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua justa et rationabili causa non amotus fuerit) et exinde, quousque unus alius in officium Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quodque ille, postquam sic, ut praefertur, electus et nominatus fuerit in officium Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur, sacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangen-

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tangentibus exequendum praestabit, secundum formam et effectum praedicti sacramenti, mutatis mutandis (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramentum praedictum administrare pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotiescunque necessarium fuerit, damus et concedimus per praesentes) et quod post huiusmodi sacramentum sic, ut praefertur, praestitum officium Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli exinde proximum sequens exequi valeat et possit: **Et si contigerit Praefidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentem aliquo tempore, quamdiu fuerit in officio Praefidis ejusdem Regalis Societatis, obire vel ab officio suo amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praefidem^a Concilii praedicti ad talem electionem semper unum esse volumus) alium de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praefidem Regalis Societatis praedictae eligere et praeficere; et quod ille sic electus et praefectus officium illud habeat et exerceat durante residuo ejusdem anni, et quousque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, sacramento corporali in forma ultime specificata prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. **ET ULTERIUS volumus,****

^a *Sic in Authent.*

quod

quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere (quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro male se gerendo aut aliqua alia rationabili causa amobiles esse volumus ad beneplacitum Praefidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto superviventium et in officio illo remanentium, vel majoris partis eorundem, quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco sive locis ipsius vel ipsorum sic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad supplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius personarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae nominare eligere et praeficere: et quod ille sive illi sic in officio illo electi et praefecti¹ idem officium habeat et habeant usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli tunc proximum sequens, et exinde, quousque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit electi praefecti et nominati fuerint; sacramento corporali ad officium illud in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentialia coram Praefide et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existentibus, bene et fideliter exequendum, secundum ve-

¹ Sic in Authent.

ramintentionem praesentium, prius praestando.
ET ULTERIVS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui quolibet anno, in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae Apostoli, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi et mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad supplendum loca et officia decem praedicti numeri viginti et unius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam voluntatem nostram esse declaramus, et per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus, quod decem de Concilio praedicto, et non amplius, per Praefidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti fuerint. VOLUMVS etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quod si contigerit Praefidem ejusdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in servitio nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis negotiis ejusdem Regalis Societatis officium Praefidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praefidi sic detento versato vel occupato unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, fore et esse Deputatum ejusdem Praefidis, nominare et appunctuare: . qui

qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praefidis praedicti sic faciendus et constituendus, sit et erit Deputatus ejusdem Praefidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeses in officio Praefidis continuaverit; nisi interim praedictus Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existens unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et constituerit: Et quod quilibet hujusmodi Deputatus praedicti Praefidis sic, ut praefertur, fiendus¹ et constituendus omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praefidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent seu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praesidem virtute harum Literarum nostrarum patentium limitata et ap- punctuata fore² facienda et exequenda de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praefidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et possit, vigore harum Literarum nostrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeses praedictus, si praesens esset, illa facere et exequi valeret et posset; sacramento corporali super sancta Dei Evangelia in forma et effectu ultime specificatis per hujusmodi Deputatum ad omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praefidis pertinent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem

¹ Sic in Authent.² Sic in Authent.

vel pluribus eorum, prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existentibus, sacramentum praedictum administrare potestatem et auctoritatem, quoties casus sic acciderit, damus et concedimus per praesentes, absque aliquo brevi commissione sive ulteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris procurando seu obtinendo. ET ULTERIUS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui de caetero in perpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Thesaurarium, duos Secretarios, unum Clericum, et duos Servientes ad clavas qui de tempore in tempus super Praesidem attendant; quodque praedicti Thesaurarius Secretarii Clericus et Servientes ad clavas eligendi et nominandi, antequam ad officia sua separalia et respectiva exequendum admittantur, sacramenta sua corporalia in forma et effectu ultime specificatis, coram Praefide et Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, officia sua separalia et respectiva in omnibus illa tangentibus recte bene et fideliter exequendum praestabunt; et quod post hujusmodi sacramenta sic, ut praefertur, praestita officia sua respectiva exercent et utantur: quibus quidem Praefidi et Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta de tempore in tempus administrare praest-

praedictis separalibus et respectivis officiariis et successoribus suis plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes: Et assignavimus nominavimus elegimus creamus constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus eligimus creamus constituimus et facimus, dilectos subditos nostros Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum fore et esse primum et modernum Thesaurarium, et praedictum¹ Johannem *Wilkins* et Henricum *Oldenburg* fore et esse primos et modernos Secretarios praedictae Regalis Societatis, continuandos in eisdem officiis usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli proximum sequens post datum praesentium: Quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae Apostoli (si non fuerit dies Dominicus, et si fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proxime sequenti) Praeses Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes, aut major pars eorundem (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) alios probos et discretos viros de tempore in tempus in Thesaurarium, Secretarios, Clericum, et Servientes ad clavas praedictae Regalis Societatis, eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et possint; quodque illi, qui in separalia et respectiva officia praedicta sic, ut praefertur, electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa respectiva exercere et gaudere possint et valeant usque ad praedictum

¹ Sic in Authent.

festum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum sequens, sacramentis suis praedictis sic, ut praefertur, prius praestandis; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: Et si contigerit aliquem vel aliquos officiariorum praedictorum ejusdem Regalis Societatis obire, vel ab officiis suis respectivis amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel majori parti eorundem (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) alium vel alios in officium five officia illarum personarum sic defunctorum five amotarum eligere et praeficere; et quod ille five illi sic electus et praefectus electi et praefecti officia praedicta respectiva habeat et exerceat habeant et exercent durante residuo ejusdem anni, et quousque alius five alii ad officia illa respectiva debito modo electus et juratus fuerit electi et jurati fuerint; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. ET INSUPER volumus, ac de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod Praeses et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes, et major pars eorundem (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) pariter congregare et assemblare possint et valeant in collegio five alio publico loco five aula intra civitatem nostram *London*, vel in aliquo alio loco conveniente intra decem milliarum ejusdem civitatis nostrae; et quod ipsi sic congre-

congregati et assembleti habebunt et habeant plenam auctoritatem potestatem et facultatem de tempore in tempus condendi constituendi ordinandi faciendi et stabiliendi hujusmodi leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones, quae eis, aut eorum majori parti, bona salubria utilia honesta et necessaria juxta eorum sanas discretionem fore videbuntur, et omnia quaecunque alia negotiis et rebus Regalis Societatis praedictae spectantia² agendi et faciendi; quae omnia et singula leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones sic, ut praefertur, facienda volumus, et per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus, quod de tempore in tempus inviolabiliter observata fuerint, secundum tenorem et effectum eorundem: Ita tamen, quod praedicta leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones sic, ut praefertur, facienda et eorum quaelibet sint rationabilia, et non sint repugnantia nec contraria legibus consuetudinibus juribus sive statutis hujus regni nostri Angliae. ET ULTERIUS de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et constituendi unum vel plures Typographos sive Impressores, et Chalco-

² Sic in Authent.

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graphos seu Sculptores; et ipsi vel ipsis per scriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis sigillatum, et manu Praefidis pro tempore existentis signatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant talia res materias et negotia praedictam Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, qualia praedictis Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praesidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos septem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem unum esse volumus) commissa fuerint; sacramentis suis corporalibus, antequam ad officia sua exercendum admittantur, coram Praefide et Concilio pro tempore existentibus, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, in forma et effectu ultime specificatis, prius praestandis; quibus quidem Praefidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes. ET ULTERIUS, quod praedicti Praeses Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis in philosophicis suis studiis meliorem fortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praedictis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quod

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ipfi et fucceffores fui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, et ad talia tempeſtiva tempora, ſecundum eorum diſcretionem, requirere capere et recipere cadavera talium perſonarum, quae mortem manu carnificis paſſae fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in tam amplis modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et propoſita, prout Collegium Medicorum et Corporatio Chirurgorum civitatis noſtrae *London* eiſdem cadaveribus uſi vel gaviſi fuerunt, aut uti vel gaudere valeant et poſſint. ET ULTERIVS, pro melioratione experimentorum artium et ſcientiarum praediſtae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gratia noſtra ſpeciali ac ex certa ſcientia et mero motu noſtris dedimus et conceſſimus, ac per praefentes pro nobis heredibus et ſucceſſoribus noſtris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praediſtae Regalis Societatis et ſucceſſoribus ſuis, quod ipſi et ſucceſſores fui de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem per literas vel epiſtolas, ſub manu praediſti Praefidis in praefentia Concilii, vel aliquorum ſeptem vel plurium eorum, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, ac communi Sigillo ſuo praediſto figillatas, mutuis intelligentiis fru-entur *, et notiis cum omnibus et omnimodis perſonis peregrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatis vel politicis, abſque ali-

* Sic in Authent.

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qua molestatione interruptione vel inquietatione quacunque: PROVISO tamen, quod haec indulgentia nostra sic, ut praefertur, concessa ad ulteriorem non extendatur usum, quam particulare beneficium et interesse praedictae Regalis Societatis in materiis seu rebus philosophicis mathematicis aut mechanicis. ET ULTERIUS dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis plenam potestatem et auctoritatem erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extrui faciendi vel causandi, intra civitatem nostram *London*, vel decem miliaria ejusdem, unum vel plura Collegium vel Collegia cujuscunque modi vel qualitatis, pro habitatione assemblatione et congregatione praedictorum Praefidis Concilii et Sodalium praedictae Regalis Societatis et successorum suorum, negotia sua et alias res eandem Regalem Societatem concernentia ad ordinandum et disponendum. ET ULTERIUS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus constituimus et appunctuamus, quod si aliqui abusus vel discrepantiae in posterum orientur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negotiis praedictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejusdem constitutioni stabilimini et studiorum progressui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc et toties per praesentes pro nobis heredi-

bus et successoribus nostris autorizamus nominamus assignamus et constituimus praefatum praedilectum et perquam fidelem consanguineum et conciliarium nostrum Edwardum Comitem *Clarendon* Cancellarium nostrum regni nostri Angliae, per seipsum durante vita sua, et post ejus mortem tunc Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, Cancellarium vel Custodem magni Sigilli Angliae, Thesaurarium Angliae, Episcopum Londinensem, Custodem privati Sigilli, et duos principales Secretarios, pro tempore existentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, easdem discrepantias et abusus reconciliare componere et reducere. Et ULTERIUS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et singulis Iusticiariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Constabulariis, et aliis officiariis ministris et subditis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscunque; quod de tempore in tempus sint auxiliantes et assistentes praedictis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis in omnibus et per omnia, secundum veram intentionem harum Literarum nostrarum patentium. Eo, quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine praemissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive praedecessorum nostrorum, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis ante haec tempora factis, in

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praesentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo
statuto actu ordinatione provisione proclama-
tione sive restrictione in contrarium inde ante-
hac habitis factis editis ordinatis sive provis, ~~is~~
aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque,
in aliquo non obstante. In CIVIS REI testi-
monium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus pa-
tentes. ~~TESTE~~ Me ipso apud Westmonasterium,
quinto decimo die Iulii, anno regni nostri deci-
mo quarto,

Per ipsum Regem.

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CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defensor, etc. omnibus, ad quos hae Literae nostrae patentes pervenerint, salutem. Div multumque apud nos statuimus, ut imperii fines, sicetiam artes atque scientias ipsas promovere. Favemus itaque omnibus disciplinis, particulari autem gratia indulgemus philosophicis studiis, praesertim iis, quae solidis experimentis conantur aut novam extundere philosophiam, aut expolire veterem. **U**t igitur inclarescant apud nostros huiusmodi studia, quae nusquam terrarum adhuc satis emicuerunt; utque nos tandem universus literarum orbis non solum fidei defensorem, sed etiam veritatis omnimodae et cultorem ubique et patronum semper agnoscat: **SCIATIS**, quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris ordinavimus constituimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et succes-

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foribus nostris ordinamus constituimus et concedimus, quod de caetero in perpetuum erit Societas de Praefide Concilio et Sodalibus consistens, qui vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Praefes Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda* (cujus quidem Societatis nos ipsos Fundatorem et Patronum per praesentes declaramus) et eandem Societatem, per nomen *Praefidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda*, unum corpus incorporatum et politicum in re facto et nomine realiter et ad plenum pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus ordinamus creamus et constituimus per praesentes, et quod per idem nomen habeant successionem perpetuam: Et quod ipsi et eorum successores (quorum studia ad rerum naturalium artiumque utilium scientias experimentorum fide ulterius promovendas in Dei Creatoris gloriam, et generis humani commodum applicanda sunt) per idem nomen *Praefidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda*, sint et erunt perpetuis futuris temporibus personae habiles et in lege capaces ad habendum perquirendum percipiendum et possidendum terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas libertates privilegia franchises iurisdictiones et hereditamenta quaecunque sibi et successoribus suis in feodo et perpetuitate, vel pro termino vitae vitarum vel annorum, seu aliter quocunque modo, ac etiam bona et catalla ac omnes alias res cujuscunque fuerint generis na-

turae speciei siue qualitatis (statuto *De alienatione in manum mortuam* non obstante) necnon ad dandum concedendum et assignandum eadem terras tenementa et hereditamenta bona et catalla, et omnia facta et res necessarias faciendum et exequendum de et concernentia eadem, per nomen praedictum: Et quod per nomen *Praefidis Concilii et Sodalium Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda* praedictum placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere et defendi, de caetero in perpetuum valeant et possint, in quibuscunque curiis placeis et locis, et coram quibuscunque Iudicibus et Iustitiariis et aliis personis et officiariis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum, in omnibus et singulis actionibus, tum realibus tum personalibus, placitis sectis querelis causis materiis rebus et demandis quibuscunque, cujuscunque sint aut erunt generis naturae vel speciei, eisdem modo et forma, prout aliqui ligei nostri intra hoc regnum nostrum Angliae, personae habiles et in lege capaces, aut ut aliquod corpus incorporatum vel politicum intra hoc regnum nostrum Angliae, habere perquirere recipere possidere dare et concedere, placitare et implacitari, respondere et responderi, defendere vel defendi, valeant et possint, valeat et possit: Et quod iidem Praeses Consilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et successores sui habeant in perpetuum commune Sigillum, pro causis et negotiis suis et successorum suorum quibuscunque agendis deservitarum; et quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem

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eisdem Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus, Sigillum illud de tempore in tempus frangere mutare et de novo facere, prout eis melius fore videbitur expediri. DAMVS insuper et concedimus per praesentes Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum successoribus, in favoris nostri regii erga ipsos nostraeque de ipsis peculiaris existimationis praesenti et futuris aetatibus testimonium, haec honoris insignia sequentia, viz. In Parmae argenteae angulo dextro tres leones nostros Anglicos; et pro Crista galeam corona flosculis interstincta adornatam, cui supereminet aquila nativi coloris, altero pede scutum leonibus nostris insignitum tenens; Telamones scutarios, duos canes sagaces albos, colla coronis cinctos (prout in margine luculentius videre est *) a praedictis Praefide Concilio et Sodalibus ipsorumque successoribus, prout feret occasio, in perpetuum gestanda producenda possidenda, ET, quod intentio nostra regia meliorem sortiatur effectum, ac pro bono regimine et gubernatione praedictae Regalis Societatis de tempore in tempus, VOLVIMVS, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus eisdem Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis Regalis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod de caetero in perpetuum Concilium praedictum erit et consistet ex viginti et una personis (quarum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum,

* Vide frontem libri.

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semper unum esse volumus) et quod omnes et singulae aliae personae, quae intra duos menses proxime sequentes post datum praesentium per Praesidem et Concilium, vel per aliquos undecim vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) vel per duas tertias partes vel plures praedictorum undecim vel plurium; et in omni tempore sequenti per Praesidem Concilium et Sodales, sive per aliquos viginti et unum vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) sive per duas tertias partes vel plures praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium; in eandem Societatem accipientur et admittentur ut Membra Regalis Societatis praedictae, et in Registro per ipsos conservando annotatae fuerint, erunt vocabuntur et nuncupabuntur *Sodales Regalis Societatis* praedictae, quamdiu vixerint, nisi ob causam aliquam rationabilem, secundum Statuta Regalis Societatis praedictae condenda, quemvis eorum amoveri contigerit: quos quanto eminentius omnis generis doctrinae bonarumque literarum studio clarescant, quanto ardentius hujusce Societatis honorem studia et emolumentum promoveri cupiant, quanto vitae integritate morumque probitate ac pietate emineant, et fidelitate animique erga nos coronam et dignitatem nostram sincero affectu polleant; eo magis idoneos et dignos, qui in Sodalium ejusdem Societatis numerum adsciscantur,

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scantur, omnino censerī volumus. Et, pro meliori executione voluntatis et concessionis nostrae in hac parte, ASSIGNAVIMVS nominavimus constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus constituimus et facimus, praedilectum et fidelem nobis Willielmum Vicecomitem *Brouncker*, Cancellarium praecharissimae consortis nostrae Reginae Catharinae, esse primum et modernum Praefidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; volentes quod praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* in officio Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae a datu praesentium usque ad festum Sancti Andreae proximum sequentem^{*} post datum praesentium continuabit, et quousque unus alius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente ad officium illud debito modo electus praefectus et juratus fuerit, juxta ordinationem et provisionem in his praesentibus inferius expressam et declaratam (si praedictus Willielmus Vicecomes *Brouncker* tam diu vixerit) sacramento corporali in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangentia bene et fideliter exequendum, secundum veram intentionem harum praesentium, coram praedilecto et perquam fidelī consanguineo et consiliario nostro Edwardo Comite *Clarendon* Cancellario nostro Angliae prius praestito; cui quidem Edwardo Comiti *Clarendon* Cancellario nostro praedicto sacramentum praedictum administrare plenam po-

^{*} Sic in Authent. et aliquoties infra.

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testatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus, in haec verba sequentia, viz. I WILLIAM VISCOUNT BRONCKER *doe promise to deale faithfully and honestly in all things belonging to the trust committed to me, as President of the Royall Society of London for improving naturall knowledge, dureing my employment in that capacity. So helpe me God!* ASSIGNAVIMVS etiam constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris facimus, dilectos nobis et fideles Robertum Moray Militem unum a secretoribus nostris conciliis in regno nostro Scotiae, Robertum Boyle Armigerum, Willielmum Brereton Armigerum filium primogenitum Baronis de Brereton, Knelmum Digby Militem praecharissimae matri nostrae Mariae Reginae Cancellarium, Gilbertum Talbot Militem jocalium nostrorum Thesaurarium, Paulum Neile Militem unum Ostiariorum camerae privatae nostrae, Henricum Slingsby Armigerum unum Generosorum praedictae privatae camerae nostrae, Willielmum Petty Militem, Timotheum Clarke in medicinis Doctorem et unum Medicorum nostrorum, Iohannem Wilkins in theologia Doctorem, Georgium Ent in medicinis Doctorem, Willielmum Aerskine unum a poculis nostris, Ionathan. Goddard in medicinis Doctorem et Professore Collegii de Gresham, Willielmum Balle Armigerum, Matthaeum Wren Armigerum, Iohannem Evelyn Armigerum, Thomam Henshaw Armigerum, Dudley Palmer de Greys Inn in

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in comitatu nostro Middlesexiae Armigerum, Abrahamum *Hill* de *London* Armigerum, et Henricum *Oldenburg* Armigerum, una cum Praefide praedicto, fore et esse primos et modernos viginti et unum de Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, continuandos in officiis Concilii praedicti a datu praesentium usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli proximum sequentem, et deinde, quousque aliae idoneae personae et habiles et sufficientes in officia praedicta electae praefectae et juratae fuerint (si tam diu vixerint, aut pro aliqua justa et rationabili causa non amotae * fuerint) sacramentis corporalibus coram Praefide pro tempore existente praedictae Regalis Societatis ad officia sua bene et fideliter in omnibus et per omnia officia illa tangentia exequendum prius praestandis, secundum formam et effectum praedicti sacramenti, mutatis mutandis, Praefidi Regalis Societatis praedictae per Cancellarium nostrum Angliae administrandi (cui quidem Praefidi pro tempore existenti sacramenta praedicta administrare personis praedictis, et aliis quibuscunque in posterum de tempore in tempus in Concilium praedictum eligendis, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus per praesentes) et quod eadem personae sic, ut praefertur, ad Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis electae praefectae et juratae, et in posterum eligendae praeficiendae et jurandae de tempore in tempus, erunt et

* *Sic in Authent.*

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existent auxiliantes consulentes et assistentes in omnibus materiis rebus et negotiis, meliores regulationem, gubernationem et directionem praedictae Regalis Societatis, et cujuscunque Membri ejusdem, tangentibus seu concernentibus. **CONCEDIMUS** etiam Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Societatis praedictae et eorum in perpetuum successoribus, quod ipsi et successores eorum, seu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) conventus seu congregationes de seipsis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliisque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam spectantibus, quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere possint in collegio sive aula sive alio loco commodo intra civitatem nostram Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem milliaria ab eadem civitate nostra. **ET ULTERIUS** volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod Praeses Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentes, sive aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) seu major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, de tempore in tempus perpetuis futuris temporibus potestatem et auctoritatem habeant

** Sic in Authent.*

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et habebunt nominandi et eligendi, et quod eligere et nominare possint et valeant, quolibet anno in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae, unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, qui sit et erit Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli exinde proximum sequentem (si tam diu vixerit, aut interim pro aliqua justa et rationabili causa non amotus fuerit) et exinde, quousque unus alius in officium Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit; quodque ille postquam sic, ut praefertur, electus et nominatus fuerit in officium Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae, antequam ad officium illud admittatur, sacramentum corporale coram Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, ad officium illud recte bene et fideliter in omnibus officium illud tangentibus exequendum praestabit, secundum formam et effectum praedicti sacramenti, mutatis mutandis (cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramentum praedictum administrare pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotiescunque Praesidem eligere opus fuerit, damus et concedimus per praesentes) et quod post hujusmodi sacramentum sic, ut praefertur, praestitum officium Praefidis Regalis Societatis praedictae usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli exinde proximum sequentem exequi valeat et possit: Et si contigerit Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae

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dictae pro tempore existentem aliquo tempore, quamdiu fuerit in officio Praefidis ejusdem Regalis Societatis, obire, decedere, vel ab officio suo amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum successoribus, sive aliquibus undecim vel pluribus eorum, convenire vel congregari ad eligendum unum de praedicto numero Concilii praedicti in Praefidem Regalis Societatis praedictae; et quod ille, qui per Concilium praedictum, vel per praedictos undecim vel plures, vel per majorem partem praedictorum undecim et plurium, electus fuerit et juratus, ut praefertur, officium illud habeat et exerceat durante residuo ejusdem anni, et quousque alius ad officium illud debito modo electus et juratus fuerit, sacramento corporali in forma supra specificata prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. ET ULTERIVS volumus, quod quandocunque contigerit aliquem vel aliquos de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente mori, vel ab officio illo amoveri, vel decedere; quos quidem de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae et eorum quemlibet pro male se gerendis aut aliqua alia rationabili causa amoviles esse volumus, ad beneplacitum Praefidis et caeterorum de Concilio praedicto (quorum Praefidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel majoris partis eorundem: quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus
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Regalis Societatis praedictae eorumque in perpetuum successoribus, vel aliquibus viginti uni vel pluribus eorundem (quorum Praesidem Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, unum alium vel plures alios de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, loco sive locis ipsius vel ipsorum sic mortuorum decedentium vel amotorum, ad supplendum praedictum numerum viginti et unius personarum de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae nominare eligere et praeficere: et quod ille sive illi sic in officio illo electi et praefecti idem officium habeat et habeant usque ad festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli tunc proximum sequentem, et exinde, quousque unus alius vel plures alii electus praefectus et nominatus fuerit electi praefecti et nominati fuerint; sacramento corporali ad officium illud in omnibus et per omnia officium illud tangant coram Praeside et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) bene et fideliter exequendum, secundum veram intentionem praesentium, prius praestando. ET ULTERIUS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui, sive aliqui triginta et unus

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vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) five major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium quolibet anno, in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae Apostoli, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem habeant et habebunt eligendi nominandi praeficiendi et mutandi decem de Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, ad supplendum loca et officia decem praedicti numeri viginti et unius de Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae; quoniam regiam voluntatem nostram esse declaramus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus, quod decem de Concilio praedicto, et non amplius, per Praesidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae annuatim mutati et amoti fuerint. VOLVMS etiam, et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod si contigerit Praesidem ejusdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentem aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in servitio nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis negotiis ejusdem Regalis Societatis officium Praesidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praesidi sic detento versato vel occupato unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, fore et esse Deputatum ejusdem Praesidis, nominare

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nare et appunctuare : qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praefidis praedicti sic faciendus et constituendus, sit et erit Deputatus ejusdem Praefidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeses in officio Praefidis continuaverit ; nisi interim praedictus Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existens unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et constituerit : Et quod quilibet hujusmodi Deputatus praedicti Praefidis sic, ut praefertur, faciendus et constituendus omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praefidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent seu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praefidem virtute harum Literarum nostrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore¹ facienda et exequenda de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praefidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et possit, vigore harum Literarum nostrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeses praedictus, si praesens esset, illa facere et exequi valeret et posset ; sacramento corporali supra sancta Dei Evangelia in forma et effectu supra specificatis per hujusmodi Deputatum ad omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praefidis pertinent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem

¹ Sic in Authent.

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vel pluribus eorum, prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existente¹, sacramentum praedictum administrare potestatem et auctoritatem, quoties casus sic acciderit, damus et concedimus per praesentes, absque brevi commissione sive ulteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris procurando seu obtinendo. ET VLTERRIVS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod ipsi et successores sui de caetero in perpetuum habeant et habebunt unum Thesaurarium, duos Secretarios, Curatores experimentorum duos vel plures, Clericum unum vel plures, et praeterea duos Servientes ad clavas qui de tempore in tempus super Praesidem attendant; quodque praedicti Thesaurarius Secretarii Curatores Clericus vel Clerici et Servientes ad clavas per Praesidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae, sive per aliquos triginta et unum vel plures eorum (quorum praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel per maiorem partem praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, eligendi et nominandi, antequam ad officia sua specialia et respectiva exequendum admittantur, sacramenta sua corporalia in forma et effectu supra specificatis, coram Praefide vel ejus Deputato, et

¹ Sic in Authent.

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Concilio ejusdem Regalis Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, officia sua separalia et respectiva in omnibus illa tangentibus recte bene et fideliter exequendum praestabunt; et quod post hujusmodi sacramenta sic, ut praefertur, praestita officia sua respectiva exercent et utantur: quibus quidem Praefidi et Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta de tempore in tempus administrare praedictis separalibus et respectivis officiariis et successoribus suis plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes: Et assignavimus nominavimus elegimus creavimus constituimus et fecimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris assignamus nominamus eligimus creamus constituimus et facimus, dilectos subditos nostros praedictum Willielmum *Balle* Armigerum fore et esse primum et modernum Thesaurarium, et praedictum ^{*} Iohannem *Wilkins* et Henricum *Oldenburg* fore et esse primos et modernos Secretarios praedictae Regalis Societatis, continuandos in eisdem officiis usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae Apostoli proximum sequentem post datum praesentium: Quodque de tempore in tempus et ad omnia tempora in praedicto festo Sancti Andreae Apostoli (si non fuerit dies Dominicus, et si fuerit dies Dominicus, tunc die proximo sequente) Praeses Concilium et Sodales praedictae

^{*} *Sic in Authent.*

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Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes, five aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) five major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, probos et discretos viros de tempore in tempus in Thesaurarium et Secretarios, qui sunt et erunt de numero Concilii Regalis Societatis praedictae, eligere nominare et praeficere valeant et possint; quodque illi, qui in separalia et respectiva officia praedicta sic, ut praefertur, electi praefecti et jurati fuerint, officia illa respectiva exercere et gaudere possint et valeant usque ad praedictum festum Sancti Andreae extunc proximum sequentem, sacramentis suis praedictis sic, ut praefertur, prius praestandis; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: Et si contigerit electiones praedictas Praesidis Concilii Thesaurarii Secretariorum, vel alicujus vel aliquorum eorum, in festo Sancti Andreae praedicto commode fieri vel perfici non posse, damus et concedimus praedictis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus, et successoribus eorum in perpetuum, quod ipsi, vel aliqui triginta et unus vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel major pars praedictorum triginta et unius vel plurium, licite possint nominare et assignare unum alium diem, quam proxime ad festum Sancti Andreae praedictum commode fieri poterit, pro electionibus praedictis faciendis vel perficiendis; et sic de die in diem, donec

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donec praedictae electiones perficiantur: Et si contigerit aliquem vel aliquos officiariorum praedictorum ejusdem Regalis Societatis obire, decedere, vel ab officiis suis respectivis amoveri; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et eorum successoribus in perpetuum, sive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) seu majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, alium vel alios in officium sive officia illarum personarum sic defunctorum decedentium sive amotarum eligere et praeficere; et quod ille sive illi sic electus et praefectus electi et praefecti officia praedicta respectiva habeant et exercent durante residuo ejusdem anni, et quousque alius sive alii ad officia illa respectiva debito modo electus et juratus fuerit electi et jurati fuerint; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit. ET INSUPER volumus, ac de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod Praeses et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existentes (praemissa semper in conventibus extraordinariis omnium Membrorum Concilii praedicti debita seu legitima summonitione vel citatione) sive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) pariter congregare

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gare et assemblare possint et valeant in collegio
 five aula five alio loco conveniente intra civita-
 tem nostram Londini, vel in aliquo alio loco
 conveniente intra decem milliaria ab eadem ci-
 vitate nostra; et quod ipsi sic congregati et
 assemblati, five major pars eorum, habebunt et
 habeant plenam authoritatem potestatem et fa-
 cultatem de tempore in tempus condendi consti-
 tuendi ordinandi faciendi et stabiliendi hujusmo-
 di leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitutiones,
 quae eis, aut eorum majori parti, bona salubria
 utilia honesta et necessaria juxta eorum sanas
 discretionis fore videbuntur, pro meliori gu-
 bernatione regulatione et directione Regalis
 Societatis praedictae et cujuslibet Membri ejus-
 dem, omniaque ad gubernationem res bona fa-
 cultates redditus terras tenementa hereditamen-
 ta et negotia Regalis Societatis praedictae spe-
 ctantia agendi et faciendi; quae omnia et sin-
 gula leges statuta jura ordinationes et constitu-
 tiones sic, ut praefertur, facienda volumus, et
 per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successo-
 ribus nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et
 mandamus, quod de tempore in tempus in-
 violabiliter observata fuerint, secundum te-
 norem et effectum eorundem: Ita tamen,
 quod praedictae leges statuta jura ordinationes
 et constitutiones sic, ut praefertur, facienda, et
 eorum quaelibet, sint rationabilia, et non sint re-
 pugnantia nec contraria legibus consuetudinibus
 juribus five statutis hujus regni nostri Angliae.
 Et, VLTERIUS de ampliori gratia nostra speciali
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ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis hereditibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, sive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) seu majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et constituendi unum vel plures Typographos sive Impressores, et Chalcographos seu Sculptores, et ipsi vel ipsis per scriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis sigillatum, et manu Praefidis pro tempore existentis signatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedicto Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo seu sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praesidem et Concilium Praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos septem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum septem vel plurium, commissae fuerint; sacramentis suis corporalibus, autequam ad officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Praefide et Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum,

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in forma et effectu ultimis¹ specificatis, prius praestandis; quibus quidem Praefidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes. ET ULTERIVS, quod praedicti Praeses Concilium et Sodales praedictae Regalis Societatis in philosophicis suis studiis meliorem fortiantur effectum, de ampliori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praedictis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod ipsi et successores sui, sive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) sive major pars praedictorum novem vel plurium, de tempore in tempus, habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, et ad talia tempestiva tempora, secundum eorum discretionem, per assignatum vel assignatos suos requirere capere et recipere cadavera talium personarum, quae mortem manu carnificis passae fuerunt, et ea anatomizare, in tam amplis modo et forma, et ad omnes intentiones et proposita, prout Praesidens Collegii Medicorum et Societatis Chirurgorum civitatis nostrae *London* (quibuscunque nominibus duae praedictae corporationes insignitae

¹ Sic in Authent.

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fuerint) eisdem cadaveribus usi vel gavisi fuerunt, aut uti vel gaudere valeant et possint. ET ULTERIVS, pro melioratione experimentorum artium et scientiarum praedictae Regalis Societatis, de abundantiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodali-
bus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod ipsi et successores sui, sive aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existentem, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) sive major pars praedictorum novem vel plurium, de tempore in tempus habeant et habebunt plenam potestatem et auctoritatem per literas vel epistolas, sub manu praedicti Praefidis vel ejus Deputati, in praesentia Concilii vel aliquorum septem vel plurium eorum, et in nomine Regalis Societatis, mutuis intelligentiis fruuntur¹ et negotiis cum omnibus et omnimodis peregrinis et alienis, utrum privatis vel collegiatis, corporatis vel politicis, absque aliqua molestatione interruptione vel inquietate² quacunque: PRO-
VISO tamen, quod haec indulgentia nostra sic, ut praefertur, concessa ad ulteriorem non extendatur usum, quam particulare beneficium et interesse praedictae Regalis Societatis in materiis seu rebus philosophicis mathematicis aut mechanicis. ET ULTERIVS dedimus et conces-

¹ Sic in Authent.

² Sic in Authent.

simus,

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simus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, sive Praesidi et Concilio Regalis Societatis praedictae, vel majori parti eorum, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem erigendi aedificandi et extruendi, aut erigi aedificari et extrui faciendi vel cauendi, intra civitatem nostram Londini, vel decem milliaria ab eadem, unum vel plura collegium vel collegia cujuscunque modi et qualitatis, pro habitatione assemblatione et congregatione praedictorum Praesidis Concilii et Sodalium praedictae Regalis Societatis et successorum suorum, ad negotia sua et alias res eandem Regalem Societatem concernentes ordinandum et disponendum. ET ULTERIVS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus constituimus et apponimus, quod si aliqui abusum vel discrepantiae in posterum orientur et accident de gubernatione aut aliis rebus vel negotiis praedictae Regalis Societatis, unde ejusdem constitutioni stabilimini et studiorum progressui vel rebus et negotiis aliqua inferatur injuria vel impedimentum; quod tunc et toties per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris autorizamus nominamus assignamus et constituimus praefatum praedilectum et perquam fidelem consanguineum et consiliarium nostrum Edwardum Comitem de *Clarendon* Cancellarium nostrum regni nostri Angliae, per seipsum durante

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rante vita sua, et post ejus mortem tunc Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, Cancellarium vel Custodem magni Sigilli Angliae, Thesaurarium Angliae, Custodem privati Sigilli, Episcopum Londinensem, et duos principales Secretarios pro tempore existentes, aut aliquos quatuor vel plures eorum, easdem discrepantias et abusus reconciliare componere et reducere. Et VLTERRIVS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus et mandamus omnibus et singulis Iustitiariis, Majoribus, Aldermannis, Vicecomitibus, Ballivis, Constabulariis, et aliis officialibus ministris et subditis nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscunque, quod de tempore in tempus sint auxiliantes et assistentes praedictis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae, eorumque in perpetuum successoribus, in omnibus et per omnia, secundum veram intentionem harum Literarum nostrarum patentium. Eo, quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo, vel de certitudine praemissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive praedecessorum nostrorum praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae ante haec tempora factis, in praesentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto actu ordinatione provisione proclamatione sive restrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis sive provis,

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provifis; aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacun-
que, in aliquo non obftante. IN CVIVS
rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus
patentes. TE STE Me ipfo apud Westmona-
sterium, vicesimo fecundo die Aprilis, anno
regni nostri decimo quinto.

Per breve de privato figillo.

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iisdem ab eodem concessa, *A. D.*

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CAROLVS SECVNDVS Dei gratia Angliae Scotiae Franciae et Hiberniae Rex, fidei Defensor, etc. omnibus, ad quos hae Literae nostrae patentes pervenerint, salutem. SCIATIS, quod nos de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, dilectis et fidelibus nostris *Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda*, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, totam illam peciam terrae arabilis vocatam *Teamshott*, continentem per aestimationem viginti acras, jacentem inter viam nostram ducentem a Westmonasterio versus *Chelsey* ex parte boreali et occidentali; et peciam prati continentem per aestimationem quatuor acras, parcellam octodecim acrarum prati nuper in tenura Comitis Nottinghamiensis,

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fis, vel assignatorum suorum, ex parte australi;
 ac clausum prati vocatum *Stone-bridge Close* ex
 parte orientali; et peciam terrae arabilis nu-
 per in occupatione Thomae *Evans*, vel assi-
 gnatorum suorum, ex parte occidentali; per
 particularia inde mentionata esse annualis red-
 ditus, five valoris, viginti trium solidorum et
 quatuor denariorum: Nec non totum illum
 praedictum clausum prati vocatum *Stony Bridge*
Close, continentem per aestimationem quatuor
 acras, nuper in occupatione Iohannis *Deakes*,
 vel assignatorum suorum, jacentem inter ri-
 vum vocatum *Le Common Sewer* ex parte ori-
 entali; et praedictam peciam terrae vocatam
Teamshott ex parte occidentali; et pontem vo-
 catum *Stony Bridge* ex parte boreali; per par-
 ticularia inde mentionata esse annualis red-
 ditus, five valoris, viginti solidorum: Nec non
 totam illam unam peciam terrae arabilis in
 communi campo vocato *East Field*, continen-
 tem per aestimationem tres acras, nuper in
 occupatione Thomae *Frances*, vel assignatorum
 suorum, jacentem inter praedictam peciam ter-
 rae vocatam *Teamshott* ex parte orientali; pe-
 ciam terrae arabilis nuper in tenura Comitis
 Lincolnienfis, vel assignatorum suorum, ex
 parte occidentali; parcellam prati de *Earles*
Court Land ex parte australi; et viam nostram
 ducentem a Westmonasterio versus *Chelfey* prae-
 dictam ex parte boreali et occidentali; per par-
 ticularia inde mentionata esse annualis red-
 ditus, five valoris, quatuor solidorum (quae
 quidem

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quidem praemissa sunt aut olim fuerunt parcella terrae nostrae in *Chelfey*, existentis parcellae terrae Dominicalis Manerii de *Chelfey* praedicta, ac nuper fuerunt parcella possessionum Iohannis nuper Ducis Northumbriae; et quae nuper per praecharissimum avum nostrum beatae memoriae Iacobum Regem per Literas suas patentes, gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium octavo die Maii, anno regni sui Angliae octavo et Scotiae quadregesimo tertio, concessa fuerunt, aut mentionata esse concessa, Praeposito et Sociis Collegii Regis Iacobi in *Chelfey* prope *London* ex fundatione ejusdem Iacobi Regis Angliae, et successoribus suis in perpetuum; tenendum de praefato Iacobo Rege, ut de manerio suo de *East Greenwich* in comitatu Cantiae, per fidelitatem tantum, in libero et communi foccagio, et non in capite, nec per servitium militare) Ac etiam omnia et singula domus aedificia structuras boscos subboscos arbores, ac totam terram fundum et solum eorundem boscorum subboscorum et arborum, ac omnia alia jura jurisdictiones franchises privilegia libertates proficua commoditates advantagia emolumenta et hereditamenta nostra quaecunque, cum eorum pertinentiis universis, cujuscunque sint generis naturae seu speciei, seu quibuscunque nominibus sciantur censeantur nuncupentur seu cognoscantur, scituata jacentia et existentia provenientia crescentia renovantia five emergentia infra comitatum villas campos loca five hamlettas praedicta, vel alibi ubicunque,

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que, praedictis terris et caeteris praemissis vel alicui inde parcellae quoquo modo spectantia : Necnon reversionem et reversiones omnium et singulorum praemissorum superius per praesentes praeconcessorum, et cujuslibet inde parcellae, dependentes vel expectantes de in vel super aliquam dimissionem vel concessionem pro termino vel terminis vitae vel vitarum vel annorum, aut aliter de praemissis superius per praesentes praeconcessis seu de aliqua inde parcella quoquo modo factam, existentem de recordo vel non de recordo : Necnon omnia et singula redditus et annualia proficua quaecunque reservata super quibuscunque dimissionibus vel concessionibus de et super praemissa per praesentes praeconcessa, vel de et super aliquam inde parcellam. DEDIMVS etiam et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod ipsi et eorum successores de caetero in perpetuum habeant teneant et gaudeant, ac habere tenere et gaudere valeant et possint, infra praemissa superius per praesentes praeconcessa, ac infra quamlibet inde parcellam, tot tanta talia eadem hujusmodi et consimilia jura jurisdictiones libertates franchiseas consuetudines privilegia proficua commoditates advantagia emolumenta et hereditamenta quaecunque, quot quanta qualia et quae, ac adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo

^a *Sic in Authent.*

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et forma, prout praedictus Iohannes nuper Dux Northumbriae, aut praedictus Praepositus et Socii Collegii Regis Iacobi in *Chelfey* prope *London* ex fundatione ejusdem Iacobi Regis Angliae, aut aliquis alius sive aliqui alii, praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemissa cum suis pertinentiis, aut aliquam inde parcellam, unquam antehac habentes possidentes aut seifiti inde existentes, habens possidens aut seifitus inde existens, unquam habuerunt tenuerunt usi vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit tenuit usus vel gavius fuit, seu habere tenere uti vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, in praemissis superius per praesentes praeconcessis, aut aliqua inde parcella, ratione vel praetextu alicujus chartae doni concessionis vel confirmationis per nos seu aliquem progenitorum vel antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae antehac habitorum factorum vel concessorum seu confirmatorum, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus legitimae praescriptionis usus seu consuetudinis antehac habitorum seu usitatorum, aut aliter quocunque legali modo jure seu titulo, ac adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout nos aut aliquis progenitorum vel antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemissa, aut aliquam inde parcellam, habuimus et gavisi fuimus aut habuerunt et gavisi fuerunt, seu habere et

gaudere debuimus aut habere et gaudere debuerunt aut debuit. DAMVS ulterius, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda, et eorum successoribus, omnia et singula praemissa superius per praesentes praeconcessa, cum eorum pertinentiis universis, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et singula praemissa, aut aliqua inde parcella, ad manus nostras, seu ad manus aliquorum progenitorum vel antecessorum nostrorum nuper Regum vel Reginarum Angliae, ratione vel praetextu dissolutionis vel sursum redditionis alicujus nuper monasterii prioratus sive hospitalis, aut ratione vel praetextu alicujus actus Parliamenti vel aliquorum actuum Parliamentorum, aut ratione alicujus attincturae sive forisfacturae, aut ratione alicujus excambii vel perquisiti, aut alicujus doni vel concessionis, aut ratione eschaetae, aut quocunque alio legali modo jure seu titulo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel debuerunt : habendum tenendum et gaudendum praedicta terras tenementa et hereditamenta, ac caetera omnia et singula praemissa superius per praesentes praeconcessa, cum eorum pertinentiis universis, praefato Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis Londini pro scientia naturali promovenda, et successoribus suis in perpetuum ; tenendum de nobis heredibus et successoribus

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tefforibus nostris, ut de manerio nostro de *East Greenwich* in comitatu nostro Cantiae, per fidelitatem tantum, in libero et communi foccagio, et non in capite, nec per servitium militare; ac reddendum annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris de et pro praedicta terra arabili vocata *Teamshott* viginti tres solidos et quatuor denarios; ac de et pro praedicto elauso prati vocato *Stony Bridge Close* viginti solidos; ac de et pro praedicta pecia terrae arabilis in communi campo vocato *East Field* quatuor solidos legalis monetae Angliae, ad festa Sancti Michaelis Archangeli et Annunciationis beatae Mariae Virginis, ad receptam Scaccarii nostri Westmonasterii heredum et successorum nostrorum, seu ad manus Ballivorum, seu Receptorum praemissorum pro tempore existente¹, per aequales portiones annuatim solvendas in perpetuum. ET ULTERIUS de uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefato Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod nos heredes et successores nostri de caetero in perpetuum annuatim, et de tempore in tempus, exonerabimus acquietabimus et indempnes conservabimus, tam praefatos Praesidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et successores suos, quam praedicta terras tenementa et caetera omnia et singula praemissa su-

¹ Sic in Authent. et passim infra.

perius expressa et specificata ac per praesentes
praeconcessa, et quamlibet inde parcellam, cum
eorum pertinentiis universis, de et ab omnibus
et omnimodis corrodiis redditibus feodis servitiis
annuitatibus pensionibus portionibus ac denari-
orum summis ac oneribus quibuscunque de prae-
missis, seu aliqua inde parcella, nobis heredibus
vel successoribus nostris exeuntibus vel solvendis,
vel superinde versus nos heredes vel successores
nostros oneratis vel onerandis; praeterquam de
redditibus servitiis et tenuris superius in his prae-
sentibus nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris
reservatis, ac praeterquam de dimissionibus et
concessionibus de praemissis seu de aliqua inde
parcella antehac factis, ac conventionibus et con-
ditionibus in iisdem existentibus, ac conventio-
nibus et oneribus, quae aliquis firmarius seu
aliqui firmarii praemissorum ratione indentu-
rarum et dimissionum suarum facere et exone-
rare tenetur seu tenentur. VOLVIMUS etiam, ac
per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus
nostris firmiter injungendo praecipimus,
tam Commissionariis pro thesauro nostro, The-
saurario, Camerario, Subthesaurario, et Baroni-
bus Scaccarii nostri heredum et successorum no-
strorum pro tempore existente, quam omnibus
et singulis Auditoribus, et aliis officiariis, et mi-
nistris nostris heredum et successorum nostro-
rum quibuscunque pro tempore existente;
quod ipsi et eorum quilibet super solam demon-
strationem harum Literarum nostrarum paten-
tium, vel irrotulamenti earundem, absque ali-
quo

quo alio brevi seu warranto a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo impetrando seu prosequendo, plenam integram debitamque allocationem et exonerationem manifestam de et ab omnibus et omnimodis hujusmodi corrodiis redditibus feodis pensionibus portionibus et denariorum summis ac oneribus quibuscunque (praeterquam de servitiis redditibus tenuris ac arreragiis redditus ac caeteris praemissis in his praesentibus, ut praefertur, reservatis, et per praefatos Praesidem Concilium et Sodales Regalis Societatis praedictae et successores suos solubilibus fiendis¹ seu performandis) de praemissis per praesentes praeconcessis, seu de aliqua inde parte vel parcella, nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris exeuntibus seu solvendis, vel superinde versus nos heredes vel successores nostros oneratis seu onerandis, praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis facient, et de tempore in tempus fieri causabunt: Et hae Literae nostrae patentes, vel irrotulamentum earundem, erunt de tempore in tempus, tam dictis Commissionariis pro thesauro nostro, Thesaurario, Cancellario, et Baronibus Scaccarii nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum pro tempore existente, quam omnibus et singulis Auditoribus, et aliis officiariis, et ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscunque pro tempore existente, sufficiens warrantum et exoneratione in hac parte. Et CVM NOS per

¹ Sic in Authent.

Literas nostras patentes, gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium vicesimo secundo die Aprilis, anno regni nostri decimo quinto, Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae factas, inter alia concessimus praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod si contigerit Praesidem ejusdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in servitio nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis negotiis ejusdem Regalis Societatis officium Praefidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praefidi sic detento versato vel occupato unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, fore et esse Deputatum ejusdem Praefidis, nominare et appunctuare: qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praefidis praedicti sic faciendus et constituendus, sit et esset Deputatus ejusdem Praefidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeses in officio praefidis continuaverit; nisi interim praedictus Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente unum alium de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum fecerit et constituerit: Et quod quilibet hujusmodi Deputatus praedicti Praefidis sic, ut praefertur, faciendus et constituendus omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praefidis praedictae Regalis Societatis perti-

pertinent seu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum Praesidem virtute istarum Literarum nostrarum patentium limitata et appunctuata fore [†] facienda et exequenda de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante tali tempore, quo Deputatus praedicti Praesidis continuaverit, facere et exequi valeat et possit, vigore istarum Literarum nostrarum patentium, adeo plene libere et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout Praeses praedictus, si praesens esset, illa facere et exequi valeat et possit; sacramento corporali super sancta Dei Evangelia, in forma et effectu in eisdem Literis nostris patentibus specificatis, per huiusmodi Deputatum ad omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praesidis pertinent, bene et fideliter exequendum, coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, prius praestando; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existente, sacramentum praedictum administrare potestatem et auctoritatem, quoties casus sic acciderit, dedimus et concessimus per easdem Literas nostras patentes, absque brevi commissione sive ulteriori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris procurandis seu obtinendis: Ac quod ipsi et successores eorum, seu aliqui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existente, vel ejus deputatum,

[†] Sic in Authent.

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semper unum esse volumus) conventus seu congregationes de seipsis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliisque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam spectantibus, quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere possint in collegio sive aula sive alio loco commodo intra civitatem nostram *London*, vel in aliquo alio loco commodo intra decem milliaria ab eadem civitate nostra: Et cum diversa et varia res potestates libertates et privilegia in iisdem Literis nostris patentibus praefato Praesidi Concilio ac Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae concessa, virtute istarum Literarum nostrarum patentium, non sunt exercenda facienda performanda seu exequenda, nisi per praedictum Praesidem et Concilium, aut aliquos septem vel plures eorum: Et cum ulterius per praedictas Literas nostras patentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris dedimus et concessimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, sive aliquibus viginti et uni vel pluribus eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existente, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) seu majori parti praedictorum viginti et unius vel plurium, plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus eligendi nominandi et constituendi unum vel plures Typographos sive Impressores, et Chalcographos seu Sculptores, et ipsi vel ipsis per scriptum communi Sigillo praedictae Regalis Societatis sigillatum, et manu Praevidis pro tem-

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tempore existente signatum, facultatem concedendi, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedictis Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo vel Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praesidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos septem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existente, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel per majorem partem praedictorum septem vel plurium commissa¹ fuerint; sacramentis suis corporalibus, antequam ad officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Praefide et Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum, prius praestandis; cui quidem Praefidi et Concilio, vel aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum pro tempore existente, sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem dedimus et concessimus per praedictas Literas nostras patentes; prout in eisdem Literis nostris patentibus, relatione inde habita, plenius liquet et apparet: Nos, de abundantiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, DEDIMVS et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod de caetero in perpetuum, si contigerit Praesidem

¹ Sic in Authent.

eiusdem Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente aegritudine vel infirmitate detineri, vel in servitio nostro heredum vel successorum nostrorum versari, vel aliter esse occupatum, ita quod necessariis negotiis eiusdem Regalis Societatis officium Praefidis tangentibus attendere non poterit; quod tunc et toties bene liceat et licebit eidem Praefidi sic detento versato vel occupato unum de Concilio praedictae Regalis Societatis pro tempore existente, fore et esse Deputatum eiusdem Praefidis, nominare et appunctuare; qui quidem Deputatus, in officio Deputati Praefidis praedicti sic faciendus et constituendus, sit et erit Deputatus eiusdem Praefidis de tempore in tempus, toties quoties praedictus Praeses sic abesse contigerit, durante toto tempore, quo praedictus Praeses in officio Praefidis continuaverit, etiamsi interim Praeses Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente unum alium vel plures alios de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatum et Deputatos fecerit et constituerit; cui quidem Praefidi pro tempore existente duos vel plures de praedicto Concilio ejus Deputatos ipso et eodem tempore facere et constituere potestatem et auctoritatem, quoties ei placuerit, damus et concedimus per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris: Et quod quilibet hujusmodi Deputatus et Deputati praedicti Praefidis sic, ut praefertur, faciendi et constituendi omnia et singula, quae ad officium Praefidis praedictae Regalis Societatis pertinent seu pertinere debent, vel per praedictum

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quo Deputatus et Deputati praedicti praesidis con-
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coram praefato Concilio praedictae Regalis So-
cietatis, vel aliquibus quinque vel pluribus eo-
rum, prius praestando; et sic toties quoties
casus sic acciderit: cui quidem Concilio, vel
aliquibus quinque vel pluribus eorum pro tem-
pore existente, sacramentum praedictum ad-
ministrare potestatem et auctoritatem, quoties
casus sic acciderit, damus et concedimus per
praesentes, absque brevi commissione sive ulteri-
ori warranto in ea parte a nobis heredibus et
successoribus nostris procurandis seu obti-
nendis: Ac ulterius, quod de caetero in
perpetuum ipsi et successores eorum, seu ali-
qui novem vel plures eorum (quorum Praesi-

^a Sic in Authent.

dem pro tempore existente, vel ejus Deputatum, semper unum esse volumus) conventus seu congregationes de seipsis pro experimentorum et rerum naturalium cognitione et indagine aliisque negotiis ad Societatem praedictam spectantibus, quoties et quando opus fuerit, licite facere et habere possint in collegio sive aula sive alio loco commodo infra regnum nostrum Angliae: Ac ulterius, quod omnia et singula res potestates libertates et privilegia in praedictis Literis nostris patentibus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae concessa, virtute istarum Literarum nostrarum patentium, quae non sunt exercenda facienda performanda seu exequenda, nisi per praedictum Praesidem et Concilium, aut aliquos septem vel plures eorum; de caetero in perpetuum exerceri fieri performari seu exequi possint et valeant per praedictum Praesidem et Concilium, aut aliquos quinque vel plures eorum. AC ULTERIUS de uberiori gratia nostra dedimus et concessimus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris damus et concedimus, praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus praedictae Regalis Societatis, et successoribus suis in perpetuum, quod de caetero in perpetuum bene liceat et licebit Praesidi Regalis Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente, de tempore in tempus eligere nominare et constituere aliquem vel aliquos Typographum sive Impressorem, Typographos sive Impressores, et Chalcographum seu Sculptorem, Chalcographos seu Sculptores,

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et ipsi vel ipsis facultatem concedere, ut imprimant tales res materias et negotia praedictam Regalem Societatem tangentia vel concernentia, quales praedictis Typographo vel Impressori, Chalcographo seu Sculptori, vel Typographis vel Impressoribus, Chalcographis vel Sculptoribus, de tempore in tempus per Praesidem et Concilium praedictae Regalis Societatis, vel aliquos quinque vel plures eorum (quorum Praesidem pro tempore existente, vel ejus Deputatum, unum esse volumus) vel per maiorem partem praedictorum quinque vel plurium commissae fuerint; sacramentis suis corporalibus, antequam ad officia sua exercenda admittantur, coram Praeside et Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus quinque vel pluribus eorum, prius praestandis; et sic toties quoties casus sic acciderit: cui quidem Praesidi et Concilio pro tempore existente, vel aliquibus quinque vel pluribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta administrare plenam potestatem et auctoritatem damus et concedimus per praesentes. Et ULTERIVS volumus, ac per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus praefatis Praesidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis praedictae et successoribus suis, quod hae Literae nostrae patentēs, vel irrotulamentum earundem, stabunt et erunt in omnibus et per omnia bonae firmae validae sufficientes et effectuales in lege ad omnes respectus proposita constructiones et intentiones erga et contra nos heredes et successores nostros, tam
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in omnibus curiis nostris, quam alibi infra regnum nostrum Angliae, absque aliquibus confirmationibus licentiis vel tolerationibus de nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo in posterum procurandis aut obtinendis. NON OBSTANTE male nominando vel male recitando aut non recitando praedicta terras tenementa et caetera praemissa, vel aliquam inde parcellam. Et non obstante non inveniundo officium aut inquisitionem praemissorum, aut alicujus inde parcellae, per quae titulus noster inveniri debuit, ante confectionem harum Literarum nostrarum patentium. Et non obstante male recitando vel non recitando aliquam dimissionem vel concessionem de praemissis vel de aliqua inde parcella factam, existentem de recordo vel non de recordo. Et non obstante male nominando vel non nominando aliquam villam hamletam parochiam locum vel comitatum, in quibus praemissa vel aliqua inde parcella existunt vel existit. Et non obstante, quod de nobis tenentium firmariorum sive occupatorum praemissorum, vel alicujus inde parcellae, plena vera et certa non fit mentio. Et non obstante aliquibus defectibus ¹ de certitudine vel computatione aut declaratione veri annui valoris praemissorum, aut alicujus inde parcellae; aut annualis redditus reservati de et super praemissis, vel de et super aliqua inde parcella, in his Literis nostris patentibus expressis et contentis. Et non obstante statuto in Parlamento Domini

¹ *Sic in Authent.*

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Henrici nuper Regis Angliae sexti progenitoris nostri, anno regni sui decimo octavo, facto et edito. Et non obstante aliquibus aliis defectis¹, in non certe nominando naturam genus speciei² quantitatem aut qualitatem praemissorum, aut alicujus inde parcellae. Et non obstante statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis; aut aliquo alio statuto actu ordinatione proclamatione provisione sive restrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis seu provis, in aliquo non obstante. SALVO tamen Andreae Cole Armigero et omnibus aliis personis quibuscunque, praeterquam nos heredes et successores nostros, talia jus clameum interesse et demanda quaecunque; qualia ipse vel ipsi seu eorum aliquis habet seu habeant, aut de jure habere debent³, de et in praemissis, seu aliqua parte vel parcella inde. ET ULTERIUS volumus, et per praesentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ordinamus et firmiter injungendo praecipimus, quod Praeses Societatis praedictae pro tempore existente, et Deputatus ejus, antequam ipsi aut eorum aliqui ad executionem officii illius admittantur, tam sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum *The oath of obedience*, quam sacramentum corporale communiter vocatum *The oath of supremacy*, super sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliiis praestabunt, et eorum quilibet praestabit, coram Concilio ejusdem Societatis, aut aliquibus septem vel pluribus eorum; cui quidem Concilio, aut aliquibus septem vel plu-

¹ Sic in Authent.

² Sic ibid.

³ Sic ibid.

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ribus eorum, sacramenta praedicta administrare pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris plenam potestatem et auctoritatem de tempore in tempus, quotiescunque opus fuerit, damus et concedimus per praesentes. PROVISIO semper, et voluntas et intentio nostra regia est, quod terrae et praemissa praedicta per praesentes, ut praefertur, concessa, seu eorum aliqua, non alienabuntur vel vendentur alicui personae sive aliquibus personis quibuscunque, aliquo in praesentibus contento in contrarium inde non obstante. Eo, quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo vel de certitudine praemissorum sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos seu per aliquem progenitorum sive praedecessorum nostrorum praefatis Praefidi Concilio et Sodalibus Regalis Societatis de *London*, et successoribus, ante haec tempora factis, in praesentibus minime facta existit; aut aliquo statuto actu ordinatione provisione proclamatione sive restrictione in contrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis sive provisus, aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque, in aliquo non obstante. IN CIVIS rei testimonium has Literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. TESTE Me ipso apud Westmonasterium, octavo die Aprilis, anno regni nostri vicessimo primo.

Per breve de privato Sigillo.

PIGOTT.

A L I C E N C E for purchasing in
MORTMAIN to the yearly value of
One thousand pounds, granted to the
President, Council, and Fellows of
the R O Y A L S O C I E T Y of London,
by King G E O R G E the F I R S T, in
the year M D C C X X V.

G E O R G E by the grace of God of
Great Britain France and Ireland King,
Defender of the faith, *etc.* to all, to
whom these presents shall come, greeting.
W H E R E A S our trusty and well beloved the Pre-
sident Council and Fellows of the Royal Society
of our city of London for improving natural
knowledge have by their Petition humbly re-
presented unto us, that our late royal predeces-
sor, King Charles the Second, by Letters Pa-
tents¹, bearing date the Two and twentieth

¹ *So in the Original.*

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day of April, in the Fifteenth year of his reign, did ordain constitute and appoint the said Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, and did thereby grant them *Licence to purchase in Mortmain*: that since the grant of the said Letters Patents several well disposed Persons have devised and granted to the Petitioners, and their successors, divers lands and hereditaments, and given several sums of money to them, for the use of the said corporation: that the Petitioners being desirous to invest the same money in the most durable manner, for the improvement of the said corporation, have most humbly prayed us to grant them our Royal Licence to hold and enjoy the lands and hereditaments, which have been devised and granted to them; and to purchase hold and enjoy to them, and their successors for ever, for the use and benefit of the said corporation, such manors lands tenements and hereditaments, as they shall think fit to purchase, or shall receive by will, or any deed of conveyance, not exceeding the yearly value of *One thousand pounds*: WE are graciously pleased to grant their request. KNOW YE therefore, that we of our especial grace certain knowledge and meer motion HAVE given and granted, and by these presents for us our heirs and successors DO give and grant, unto the President Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforesaid, and their successors, our especial Licence, full

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full power, and lawful and absolute authority,
to hold and enjoy the lands and hereditaments,
which have been already devised or granted
to the said corporation, as aforesaid; and also to
purchase acquire take hold and receive in
Mortmain in perpetuity, or otherwise, to or to
the use of or in trust for them, or their successors,
for the use and benefit of the said corporation,
from any person or persons, bodies politic and
corporate, their heirs and successors respectively,
such manors lands tenements rents or heredita-
ments, as they shall think fit to purchase, or
shall receive by writ, or any deed of convey-
ance, not exceeding the yearly value of One
thousand pounds, above all charges and re-
prizes. AND we do hereby also for us our
heirs and successors give and grant our especial
Licence, full power, and lawful and absolute au-
thority, to any person or persons, bodies politic
or corporate, their heirs and successors respec-
tively, to grant alien sell convey and dispose of
in Mortmain in perpetuity, or otherwise, to or
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of the Royal Society of our city of London for improving natural knowledge aforesaid, and their successors, that these our Letters Patents, or the Inrollment or Exemplification thereof, shall be in and by all things good firm valid sufficient and effectual in the law, according to the true intent and meaning thereof: NOTWITHSTANDING the not rightly naming or describing any of the manors lands tenements rents or hereditaments already devised or granted to the said corporation, or to be granted devised aliened or disposed of in Mortmain to them, and their successors, in fee or otherwise, as aforesaid; or any other omission imperfection defect matter cause or thing whatsoever to the contrary thereof, in anywise notwithstanding. IN WITNESS whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patents. WITNESS Our self at Westminster, the Seventeenth day of December, in the Eleventh year of our reign.

By writ of privy Seal,

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CHAPTER I.

Of the making and repealing of Laws.

I. FOR the making of any Law or Statute of the Royal Society, the draught thereof shall be read in Council, and put to the vote, on two several days of their meeting. The first day the question to be resolved by vote shall be to this effect, *viz.* "Whether the draught of the said Statute, then agreed upon,

upon, shall be read at another meeting? The second day the question shall be to this effect, *viz.* "Whether the draught of the said Statute, then agreed upon, shall pass for a Law, or not?"

II. For the repealing of any Law or Statute, or any part thereof, the Repeal shall be propounded and voted in Council, on two several days of their meeting. The first day the question to be resolved by vote shall be to this effect, *viz.* "Whether the Repeal of such a Statute, or such part thereof, shall be propounded at another meeting?" The second day the question shall be to this effect, *viz.* "Whether such a Statute, or such part thereof, shall be repealed or not?" And in case the said Repeal be agreed unto, the same shall be recorded in the Journal-book of the Council, and the Statute, or part of the Statute repealed, shall be cancelled in the Statute-books.

CHAPTER II.

Of the Obligation to be subscribed.

Every Fellow of the Society, and every person elected a Fellow thereof, shall subscribe the Obligation in these words following :

WE, who have hereunto subscribed, do hereby promise each for himself, that we will endeavour to promote the good of the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, and
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to pursue the ends, for which the same was founded; that we will be present at the meetings of the Society, as often as conveniently we can, especially at the anniversary elections, and upon extraordinary occasions; and that we will observe the Statutes and Orders of the said Society. Provided, that whensoever any of us shall signify to the President, under his hand, that he desireth to withdraw from the Society, he shall be free from this Obligation for the future.

And if any Fellow shall refuse to subscribe the said Obligation, he shall be ejected out of the Society. And if any person elected shall refuse to subscribe the same, the election of the said person shall be void; neither shall any person refusing to subscribe be admitted, or registered among the Fellows of the Society.

C H A P T E R III.

Of the Payments by the Fellows to the Society.

I. **E**Very person admitted a Fellow of the Society shall, on the day of his admission, pay to the use of the Society the sum of Forty shillings, for admission-money. And if any such person shall refuse, or fail to pay the said sum, his election and admission shall be void; except the said sum be remitted in whole, or in part, by special order of the Council.

II. Every Fellow of the Society shall pay One shilling by the week, towards the charges of experiments, and other expences of the Society,

ciety, so long as he shall continue a Fellow thereof: which continuance shall be accounted from the time of his admission, until such time as he shall signify to the President, under his hand, that he desireth to withdraw from the Society; or until, upon any other account, he shall cease to be a Fellow thereof. And if any Fellow shall refuse to pay according to the rate aforesaid, he shall be ejected out of the Society; except the said Payment be remitted in whole, or in part, by special order of the Council.

III. For the more convenient receiving and collecting the contribution of One shilling by the week, to be paid by every Fellow towards the charges of experiments, and other expences of the Society, the same, amounting to Fifty two shillings by the year, shall be paid quarterly by equal portions, *viz.* by Thirteen shillings at a time for one whole quarter; and proportionably for a part of a quarter, by any person admitted after the beginning, or withdrawing from the Society before the end of any quarter of the year.

IV. The days, upon which the quarterly Payments of the contributions of One shilling by the week to the Society shall become due, shall be the Twenty-third day of September, the Twenty-third day of December, the Twenty-fifth day of March, and the Twenty-fourth day of June.

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V. Every Fellow of the Society shall upon each of the weekly meetings, that shall fall upon the days for the quarterly Payments, or upon the first, second, or third Wednesdays next after each of the said days, bring or send in to the Treasurer, or his Deputy, his quarterly contribution of Thirteen shillings, or such proportion of it as shall be due. And if any Fellow shall fail to bring or send in, as aforesaid (being not dispensed withal, as to the said Payment, by special order of the Council) he shall be liable to ejection out of the Society: upon which the Council shall proceed, as they shall see cause.

CHAPTER IV.

Of the ordinary Meetings of the Society.

I. **T**HE ordinary Meetings of the Society shall be weekly, upon Wednesday, beginning about three of the clock in the afternoon, and continuing until six; unless the major part of the Fellows present shall, for that time, resolve to rise sooner, or sit later. And no Fellow shall depart, without giving notice to the President.

II. When the President taketh the chair, the rest of the Fellows shall place themselves orderly, and conveniently for the business of the Meeting; and those persons, that are not of the Society, shall withdraw: Excepting, that it shall be free for any of his Majesty's subjects of England, Scotland, or Ireland, having the title
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and place of a Baron, or having any higher title and place, or any of his Majesty's Privy council of any of his three kingdoms, and for any foreigner of eminent repute, with the allowance of the President, to stay for that time; and that it shall be free for any other person, upon leave obtained of the President and Fellows present, or the major part of them, to stay for that time. And the name of every person permitted to stay, of any person that moved for him, and the allowance, shall be entered in the Journal-books.

III. When any Fellow speaketh, he shall address his speech to the President, and be uncovered, and the rest shall be silent.

IV. When two or more offer to speak together, the President shall determine, which of them shall speak first.

V. The business of the Society in their ordinary Meetings shall be, to order, take account, consider, and discourse of philosophical experiments and observations; to read, hear, and discourse upon letters, reports, and other papers, containing philosophical matters; as also to view, and discourse upon, rarities of nature and art: and thereupon to consider, what may be deduced from them, or any of them; and how far they, or any of them, may be improved for use or discovery.

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CHAPTER V.

Of Experiments, and the Reports thereof.

I. **N**O Experiment shall be made at the charge of the Society, but by order of the Society or Council.

II. In order to the propounding and making of Experiments for the Society, consideration shall be had of the importance of any Experiment, to the discovery of any truth or axiom in nature, or to the use and benefit of mankind.

III. Two or more Curators shall be appointed (if it may consist with convenience) of every Experiment, or natural Observation, that cannot conveniently be made in the presence of the Society. Which Curators, or any two or more of them, shall (as soon as conveniently may be) meet together at time and place¹ by them agreed on, to make the said Experiment or Observation; and also shall jointly draw up the Report of the matter of fact, in every such Experiment or Observation; or if any difference shall happen between them in their apprehensions thereof, the same shall be related in the Report.

IV. In all Reports of Experiments to be brought into the Society, the matter of fact shall be barely stated, without any prefaces, apologies, or rhetorical flourishes; and entered so in the Register-book, by order of the Society. And if any Fellow shall think fit to suggest any conjecture, concerning the causes of the phae-

¹ *So in the Original.*

nomena in such Experiments, the same shall be done apart; and so entered into the Register-book, if the Society shall order the entry thereof.

C H A P T E R VI.

Of the Election and Admission of Fellows.

I. **E**Very person to be elected Fellow of the Society shall first, at one meeting, be propounded as a candidate, in order to Election; and after, at some other meeting (whereat there shall be present a competent number for making Elections) shall be propounded, and put to the vote for Election: Excepting, that it shall be free for every one of his Majesty's subjects of England, Scotland, or Ireland, having the title and place of a *Baron*, or having any higher title and place, and every one of his Majesty's Privy council of any of the said kingdoms, to be propounded, and put to the vote for Election, on the same day, there being present a competent number for making Elections.

II. Every Fellow, that is to propound any person as a candidate, in order to Election, shall, before the said person be propounded, make known unto him the effect of the obligation to be subscribed, and the sum that is to be paid for admission-money, and the rate of the constant payment for the occasions of the Society; and also, at the propounding of the said person, shall

shall satisfy the company, that he hath informed him accordingly, and that thereupon it is the desire of the said person to be of the Society.

III. The name of every person propounded as a candidate, in order to Election for a Fellow of the Society, together with the name of the Fellow proposing, shall be entered in the Journal-book.

IV. In the Election of any person for a Fellow of the Society, the votes shall be taken by way of ballot.

V. Every person, elected a Fellow, shall appear for his Admission at some ordinary meeting of the Society, which shall be within four weeks after his Election; or within such further time, as shall be granted by the Society or Council, upon cause shewed to either of them. Otherwise his Election shall be void.

VI. The Admission of any Fellow of the Society shall be at some meeting thereof, in manner and form following. The President, taking him by the hand, shall say these words :

I do by the authority, and in the name of the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, admit you a Fellow thereof.

VII. The Election and Admission of every person into the Society, with the time thereof, shall be recorded in the Journal-book.

VIII. Every person, who is a foreigner, and every one of his Majesty's subjects, whose habitation or usual place of residence is at more

** This and the following Section were added Jan. 9, 1727.*

than forty miles distance from London, shall be and be deemed a Fellow of the Society, immediately after he shall be elected, and shall be registered in the Journal-book of the Society as such: Provided always, that no such person shall have liberty to vote at any Election or meeting of the Society, before he shall be qualified pursuant to the Statutes. And if he shall neglect so to qualify himself, the first time he comes to London, when he may be present at a meeting of the Society, and can be admitted; his Election shall be declared void, and his name shall be cancelled in the Register.

IX. No person shall be proposed, elected, or admitted a Fellow of the Society upon St. Andrew's day, or the day of the anniversary meeting for electing the Council and Officers.

X. Every person to be elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, shall be propounded and recommended at a meeting of the Society by three or more Members; who shall then deliver to one of the Secretaries a paper, signed by themselves with their own names, specifying the name, addition, profession, occupation, and chief qualifications; the inventions, discoveries, works, writings, or other productions of the candidate for Election; as also notifying the usual place of his habitation.

A fair copy of which paper, with the date of the day when delivered, shall be fixed up in the common meeting room of the Society at

² This Section, as it now stands, was added Dec. 10, 1730.

ten several ordinary meetings, before the said candidate shall be put to the ballot: Saving and excepting, that it shall be free for every one of his Majesty's subjects, who is a Peer or the son of a Peer of Great Britain or Ireland, and for every one of his Majesty's Privy council of either of the said kingdoms, and for every foreign Prince or Ambassador, to be propounded by any single person, and to be put to the ballot for Election on the same day, there being present a competent number for making Elections.

C H A P T E R VII.

Of the Election of the Council and Officers.

I. **A**T the two ordinary meetings of the Society, which shall be within the fifteen days next preceding the day of the anniversary Elections, the President shall give notice of the said Elections; and declare, how much it importeth the good of the Society, that such persons may be chosen into the Council, as are most likely to attend the meetings and business of the Council, out of whom there may be made the best choice of the President and other Officers.

II. Every Fellow of the Society, in or near London, shall be called to the anniversary meetings, for electing the Council and Officers for the year ensuing, by particular summons signed by the President; which summons shall be delivered to every such person, or left at his

house or lodging, a week at the least before the said day, together with printed lists of the names of all the Fellows of the Society. And the said summons shall be to this effect :

These are to give notice, that on the day of being the Council and Officers of the Royal Society are to be elected for the year ensuing; at which Election your presence is expected, at of the clock in the

III. For the anniversary Election of the Council (which is to consist of eleven Members of the present Council, to be continued for the year next ensuing; and ten of the Fellows, being no Members of the Council, to be added to them) there shall be a competent number of lists printed of all the Fellows of the Society (excepting all the Members of the present Council) in an alphabetical order; and a competent number of the like lists of all the Members of the present Council, both which lists shall be distributed to all the Fellows of the Society, summoned to the anniversary Election.

IV. For the Election of the eleven Members of the present Council, to be continued for the year next ensuing, every Fellow shall on the printed list of the present Council, by a line drawn under each name, to the number of eleven and no more, signify the persons, to whom he giveth his suffrage for their continuance, as aforesaid; and closing up the said list shall deliver

liver it in to some person, appointed to collect and receive the same.

V. All the lists being thus collected, one of the Secretaries shall open them one by one, and in the first place shall take notice of the number of the names distinguished, as is before prescribed, in each list (which if it be above eleven in any, the same list shall be laid aside, and no notice taken of the suffrages therein) and shall recite every name so distinguished; and the other Secretary shall, in a list for that purpose, note how often every several name is recited; and each of the Secretaries shall be assisted by a Scrutator, to be drawn by lot by the President. This done, the Secretaries and Scrutators shall sum up the suffrages, according to the notes affixed to every name: or in case of the absence of one or both the Secretaries, one or two Scrutators more (to be in like manner drawn by lot) shall supply their places; whereof two shall be employed in the perusal of the lists, and recitation of the names, and the other two in the noting of the names recited, as is before prescribed.

VI. After the noting and summing up of the votes, the Secretaries, or Scrutators, shall recite all the names of the present Council having any votes upon the present scrutiny, with the number of the votes to every name; to the end, that all the persons carrying the major part of the votes may be known to be thus elected, if they be not more in number than eleven. But

if the persons having the majority of votes be more than eleven, he or they, that have fewest suffrages, are to be secluded, until the number be reduced to eleven; or to a lesser number, if equality between persons having the fewest suffrages do so require. And if the persons having the majority of votes, or the persons remaining upon the aforesaid reduction, do not amount to the number of eleven, then all the rest upon that list shall be put to the Scrutiny again, and every Fellow shall mark, as before, so many, and no more, as are wanting; and the method thereupon in all things shall be the same, as before, until the number be compleat. And in case of equal distribution of votes, the number being greater than the number wanting, the proceeding shall be repeated upon the said persons; and if then they have still equal votes, the President shall seclude one by lot, and the rest shall be put to the scrutiny again.

VII. For the Election of the ten Fellows not of the present Council, to be added to the former eleven, to constitute the Council for the year next ensuing, the proceedings upon the printed lists of the Fellows of the Society shall be in all particulars observed, as upon the former lists, according as the cases shall require.

VIII. In case of seclusion of any number of the present Council, or of any other Fellow by lot, the same person shall be brought in again to pass the scrutiny, by putting him in com-

competition with one that hath the least, or with more of those that have the least equal number of votes.

IX. Forasmuch as the possible varieties in the equalities and proportions of suffrages distributed among several persons, upon which Non-elections may happen, are so great and manifold, that it would be tedious to obviate them all in particular by Statutes: if therefore any case shall happen not provided for, whereupon the Election cannot be made or perfected, the same shall be adjourned to the next convenient time; and the Council in the interim shall make provision, and offer some expedient to the Society, for the effecting thereof.

X. For electing the President, Treasurer, and Secretaries, every Fellow present at the anniversary Election of the Council shall, after the Election made for the Members of the new Council, put upon a distinct list several marks, first for the President, next for the Treasurer, and then for the Secretaries, to be chosen severally out of the said new Council, for the year following; and the proceedings therein shall be after the same manner, as is directed for the anniversary Elections of the Council.

XI. For electing any Member of the Council, or any Officer to be elected by the Society, upon such vacancies, as shall happen in the intervals of the anniversary Elections, the summons for such Election, and the proceedings in

it, shall be after the same manner, as is directed for the anniversary Elections.

XII. Upon the vacancy of the President's place, which shall happen in the intervals of the anniversary Elections, one of the Secretaries shall cause the Council to be summoned for the Election of a new President; and the Council meeting thereupon in the usual place, or any eleven or more of them, shall proceed to the said Election, and not separate, until the major part of the number aforesaid shall have agreed upon a new President.

XIII. Whereas the number of the Members of the Royal Society is so large, as to render the Election of the Council and Officers so tedious, that many Members cannot attend during the whole time: therefore any Fellow being present shall be permitted on the day appointed, during the time of the Society's sitting for Election, to give in his three lists altogether, or any two, or one of them; the several lists being marked; one with a line drawn under each name of the eleven Members of the present Council, to be continued for the year ensuing; another marked in the same manner with the names of the ten Fellows not of the present Council, to be added to the former eleven; and a third marked with the several marks for the President, for the Treasurer, and for the two Secretaries. And the Secre-

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aries and Scrutators shall put the said lists into the several boxes, provided for that purpose; and shall note down the name of each Fellow giving in his lists, and take notice, whether he gives in one, two, or all three lists, at the same time. In all other respects to proceed in the same manner, as prescribed by the former Statutes.

CHAPTER VIII.

Of the President.

I. **T**H E business of the President shall be, to preside in all the meetings, and regulate all the debates, of the Society and Council; to state and put questions both in the affirmative and negative, according to the sense and intention of the meetings; to call for reports and accounts from Committees, Curators, and others; to check irregularities, and to keep all persons to order; to summon all extraordinary meetings of the Society and Council, upon any urgent occasions; and to execute, or see to the execution of the Statutes of the Society.

II. Whensoever any question shall be desired to be put by any Fellow, at any meeting of the Society or Council, and seconded by another, the President shall put the same; unless upon debate the sense of the meeting appear to be otherwise.

III. The President shall take place of every Fellow of the Society, within their college, or ordinary

ordinary place of meeting; as also in all other places, where any number of the Fellows meet as a Society, or Council, or Committee; and being in the chair is to be covered, while speaking unto or hearing particular Fellows, notwithstanding their being uncovered.

IV. The President shall not preside at any meeting of any Fellows of the Society, except the ordinary meetings of the Society or Council, at known time and place; or such extraordinary meetings of either, as shall be called by a general summons of each respectively; or the meetings of Committees appointed by the Society or Council; and except meetings for solemnities only.

CHAPTER IX.

Of the Treasurer and his Accompts.

I. **T**HE Treasurer; or his Deputy, shall receive to the use of the Society all moneys, or sums of money, due or payable to the Society; and out of such moneys shall pay and disburse all moneys, or sums of money, due from or payable by the Society, upon all occasions; and shall keep particular Accompts of all such receipts and payments.

II. Every sum of money, payable to the use of the Society, of Five pounds or under, shall be paid by order of the President, under his

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hand ; and every sum exceeding Five pounds shall be paid by order of the Council, signed by the President, and registered by the Secretary ; and all bills of charges for experiments shall be signed by the Curators thereof, before they be presented to the President.

III. All moneys, or sums of money, whereof there shall not be present occasion for expending or disposing to the use of the Society, shall be laid up in an iron chest, having three different locks and keys, whereof one shall be in the custody of the President, another of the Treasurer, and a third of one of the Secretaries : and the Treasurer shall not have in his custody above Twenty pounds at once, for defraying the occasional expences of the Society ; and accordingly he shall pay in moneys into the chest aforesaid, and take out of the same, by order of the Council, as they shall judge expedient.

IV. The Treasurer shall have and keep a roll or list in parchment of the Fellows of the Society, with a margin before and after the names ; in the former whereof shall be noted the arrears due from every Fellow, in the latter the receipts and payments of the Fellows, according to the weekly or quarterly contribution to the Society ; and the said roll shall be signed by him, for attesting the truth thereof.

V. Upon the third Wednesday, which shall be next after each of the quarter-days, the Treasurer, or his Deputy, shall demand the quar-

quarterly payments or arrears of every Fellow, from whom the same shall be due; and forthwith after the said Wednesday shall send a Collector, appointed under his hand and seal, with the roll or list of the Fellows of the Society signed by him, wherein the arrears due from every Fellow are noted in the margin before the names, for the collecting of the said arrears.

VI. The Accompts of the Treasurer shall be audited and examined four times a year, within six weeks after each quarter-day, by a Committee of five of the Council, or any three or more of them, whereof the President and one of the Secretaries shall be two. And the same shall be done once a year before the anniversary elections, by a Committee to be nominated by the President, with the consent of the major part of the Fellows present, given by ballot, at one of the three next preceding weekly meetings of the Society; which shall consist of Fellows that are not Members of the Council, to the number of five, whereof any three or more shall be a *Quorum*, who shall make their report to the Society, upon the meeting next before the anniversary election, or upon the day of the said election.

CHAPTER X.

Of the Secretaries.

I. **T**HE Secretaries, or either of them, shall have the charge and custody of the Charter-book, Statute-book, Journal-books of the Society and Council, Register-books and Letter-books of the Society, as also of all papers and writings belonging to the Society; any of which they shall cause to be produced at any meetings of the Society or Council, as the case shall require, or as they shall be ordered so to do by the Society or Council.

II. The Secretaries, or either of them, shall have inspection over the Clerk, and shall give order and direction to him, concerning the entering and writing of all matters in the Journal-books of the Society or Council, the Register-books, or any other books of the Society; also concerning any orders, or other writings, for the use and service of the Society.

III. The Secretaries, or either of them, shall attend at all meetings of the Society and Council; where, when the President hath taken the chair, one of them shall read the orders and entries of the next precedent meeting, and shall after take notes of the orders and material passages of the present meeting, to be entered by the Clerk in the respective books, to which they relate; and when there shall be present a competent number for making elections, they, or
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either of them, shall give notice of any candidates, that shall stand propounded in order to election into the Society.

IV. The Secretaries, or either of them, shall draw up all letters to be written to any persons in the name of the Society or Council (to be read and approved of in some meeting of either respectively) except, for some particular cause or consideration, some other person be appointed by the Society or Council to draw up any such letter.

CHAPTER XI.

Of Curators by office.

I. **W**Hereas the ends of the institution of the Society may be most effectually promoted by employing able and fit persons, who shall be Curators by office, for the service and business of the Society, having such a liberal allowance, as may be a sufficient maintenance for them, without seeking for or engaging in any other employment; therefore when the Society shall be endowed with a standing revenue, that can bear it, provision shall be made for such Curators accordingly. And because it may happen, that some persons, engaged in other employments, may yet be of eminent usefulness for the business of Curators; therefore, if any such shall be employed by the Society, such allowance shall be made, as may be proportionable to the time bestowed in that service:

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Provided that the allowance to any one Curator shall not exceed so much, as shall from time to time be equivalent to Two hundred pounds *per annum*, in this present year 1663. Nor shall the number of such Curators be so great, as to exhaust upon their said allowances above one half of the revenue, from time to time belonging to the Society.

II. The employment and business of a Curator shall be, to take care of the managing of all experiments and observations appointed by the Society or Council, and report the same; and to perform such tasks, relating to the ends of the constitution of the Society, as the Society or Council shall from time to time appoint; such as the examining of sciences, arts, and inventions, bringing in histories of natural and artificial things.

III. Every person, to be chosen a Curator by office for the Society, shall be of good fame and virtuous conversation; knowing in philosophical and mathematical learning; addicted to and well versed in observations, inquiries, and experiments concerning natural and artificial things.

IV. Every person, standing for the office of a Curator to the Society, shall be propounded at some meeting thereof, one month at the least before the intended election; to the end, that every Member may inform himself concerning him, and acquaint the Society or Council with any exception or objection against him: and every such person shall submit himself to the trial and examination of the Council, or of such

such persons as shall be appointed by them, to be transacted in the presence of the Council, concerning his qualifications, whether they be such, as are required in a Curator.

V. Whensoever any person is to be tried and examined before the Council, in order to election for the office of a Curator to the Society; and whensoever any such person is to be recommended from the Council to the Society, for the said election; every Member of the Council shall be summoned to the meeting, with express notice of the occasion thereof.

VI. Every person, propounded to the Society for the office of a Curator, shall, before his examination by the Council, visit every Member thereof in or near London, declaring to him his desire and intention for the said place; except such visitation be dispensed with by order of the Society or Council.

VII. Every person, approved by the Council for a Curator to the Society, shall be recommended from the Council to the Society, in order to election, at some meeting a week or longer before the intended election-day; and if any person proposed, and not approved or recommended, shall find himself aggrieved, or think that right hath not been done him, it shall be free for him to appeal, or make his case known to the Society.

VIII. Every person, propounded to the Society for election into the office of a Curator, shall at the first be elected for one year of probation.

bation only (except the Society shall by vote taken by ballot resolve otherwise, in consideration of the known merit of any particular person) and at the end of that year the said person shall either be elected for perpetuity, or for a longer time of probation, or shall be rejected.

IX. In order to the election of persons for Curators, the Fellows of the Society shall be summoned, in the same manner and form, *mutatis mutandis*, as is provided for the anniversary election of the Council and Officers.

X. The election of every person for a Curator shall be after this manner: The names of all the competitors for a Curator's place shall first be read, and then put to the ballot, in order as they stand recommended by the Council to the Society; adding such, as upon appeal shall be ordered by the Society: and when any one hath the plurality of suffrages, he shall stand elected, without any farther proceeding upon any other of the competitors; and the like method shall be for every vacant place: and in case of non-election it shall be resolved by the Society, whether there shall be a proceeding again upon the same person or persons at that meeting, or an adjournment of the election to another day.

XI. For the electing of a Curator for a longer time of probation, or for perpetuity, the same rules concerning the summons for the meetings shall be observed, as in election for probation; and the question shall be determined

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XII. Every person elected Curator by office, shall also be a Fellow of the Society, and shall subscribe the obligation to be subscribed by every Fellow; and be admitted Fellow in the usual form, if he were not so before; neither shall he continue a Curator any longer, than he shall continue a Fellow of the Society.

XIII. Every Curator of the Society shall forfeit his place as a Curator, together with his relation as a Fellow, for any of the causes, for which a Fellow is to be ejected; and also for any fraudulent dealing in matters concerning the Society, or for negligence in the business of his place: before which ejection, for the first, second, and third fault, he shall receive respective admonishment by the President in Council, to be entered in the Council-book; except the fault shall be judged by the Society so enormous, as to deserve a present expulsion.

XIV. If any Curator shall be disabled by age, infirmity, or casualty contracted in the service of the Society; some provision shall be made for him during life, if the necessity of his condition shall so require, according as the Council shall think fit.

CHAPTER XII.

Of the Clerk.

I. THE Clerk of the Society shall constantly attend all the meetings of the Society and Council, precisely at the hour appointed, and not go away before the meeting be dissolved; and he shall follow the directions of the Secretaries in registering all matters, that shall be ordered to be entered, in the respective books of the Society.

II. The Clerk shall not suffer any person, being no Member of the Society, to read any book, record, or other writing, or any part thereof, belonging to the Society; nor give any copies thereof, nor any way communicate any thing contained therein, to any such person: and in case he shall do contrary hereunto, he shall forfeit his place.

III. The Clerk shall have Six pence for every page in *folio* of thirty lines, fairly and closely written, with a margin not exceeding one fourth part of the page; and according to the same rate for any larger or smaller page: and he shall have Ten pounds by the year for his attendance at meetings, to be paid quarterly by equal portions.

C H A P T E R XIII.

Of the Printer to the Society.

I. **T**HE office of the Printer shall be to take care for the printing and vending such books, besides catalogues, and such other things, as shall be committed to him by order of the Society or Council; in the doing of which he shall from time to time observe, and submit unto the directions and orders of the Council, both as to the correctness of the edition, the number of copies to be printed, the form or volume, the goodness of the paper, character, figures and diagrams, as likewise the price, at which such books are to be sold; nor shall he reprint any of the said books, or print them in any translation or epitome, without particular leave from the Council. And if in any of these particulars he shall neglect, or disobey the directions of the Council, he shall either give such satisfaction for his default, as the Council shall approve, or else be put out of his place.

II. The Printer shall present of every book, he prints by order of the Society or Council, two copies, extraordinary well bound, to his Majesty: one copy to Edward Earl of Clarendon, Lord Chancellor; one Copy to the President of the Royal Society; two copies to the library of the said Society, each of them fairly bound: and one copy more to each of the Secretaries of the said Society.

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C H A P T E R XIV.

Of Operators to the Society.

I. **W**Hensoever, and as long as, an Operator to the Society hath any work to do for the Society, he shall do no work for any other person, that may hinder his perfecting of that within the time limited, or requisite to have it finished.

II. An Operator, working for the Society, shall use all care and diligence to dispatch all work for the Society, in as short a time, as the same can be so well and substantially done, as the nature of the thing requireth.

III. If any Operator shall in any bill or reckoning defraud, or endeavour to defraud the Society, he shall forfeit his place or relation to them thereby.

IV. An Operator shall have Ten pounds by the year, for his attendance at all the ordinary meetings of the Society, as a constant salary, to be paid quarterly by equal portions.

C H A P T E R XV.

Of the common Seal and Deeds.

I. **T**HE common Seal of the Society shall be kept in an iron chest, having three locks, with three different keys; whereof one shall be in the custody of the President, the

other¹ of the Treasurer, and the third of one of the Secretaries.

II. Every Deed or writing, to which the common Seal is to be affixed, shall be passed and sealed in Council, and signed by the President on the fore part near the label, and signed on the back side by the rest of the Members of the Council present,

CHAPTER XVI.

Of the Books of the Society.

I. **T**HERE shall be had and kept one Book, called the Charter-book, wherein shall be fairly written the copy of the Charter, all his Majesty's Grants on the behalf of the Society, the Obligation and Subscriptions thereto of the Fellows of the Society, all the Statutes of the Society, the names and titles of all the Benefactors to the Society with their donations, as also the Register of all the Fellows of the Society.

II. There shall be had and kept a Book, called the Statute-book, wherein shall be fairly written the Charter of the Society; all the Laws, Statutes, and Constitutions made, or to be made, concerning the government and regulating of the Society or Council; as also a duplicate of the Register of the Fellows of the Society.

¹ *So in the Original.*

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III. There shall be had and kept Journal-books for the Society, and Council; wherein shall be entered all the Orders and remarkable passages of the Society, and Council, at their respective meetings.

IV. There shall be had and kept Register-books, wherein shall be fairly written all such Observations, Histories, and Discourses of natural and artificial things, as shall be ordered to be entered; as also all such philosophical Experiments, together with the particular accounts of their processes, as shall be ordered to be entered therein.

V. There shall be had and kept a Book of Letters, wherein shall be fairly written all such Letters, and Extracts of letters, of the Society, or to the Society, or to any Member thereof, concerning philosophical matters, as shall be ordered to be entered.

VI. No Fellow shall give any copy or transcript of any matter contained in the Register-books, or other Books of the Society, to any one, that is not a Member thereof, nor communicate the same to any such person to be transcribed, without particular leave obtained at a meeting of the Society; except the said matter were originally brought in, or communicated by himself.

CHAPTER XVII.

Of Benefactors.

EVERY Benefactor to the Society, whose gift amounts to the value of Five pounds or more, shall have his name registered in the Catalogue of Benefactors, with the mention of his gift. And every Benefactor, that shall present the Society with any sum of money or gift, to the value of Fifty pounds sterling or more; or shall procure any advantage, that shall be estimated by the Society to be of the like value; upon acceptance shall, without election, have the privilege of being present at the meetings of the Society, and shall not be obliged to payments. And if any of the Fellows of the Society shall present to the same the like gift, or sum of money, he shall not be obliged to payments for the future.

CHAPTER XVIII.

Of the Death or Recess of any Fellow.

UPON the Death, or the voluntary Withdrawing of any Fellow of the Society, one of the Secretaries shall note such their Death or Recess in the margin of the Register, against their names¹; and the Withdrawing of any Fellow shall be recorded in the Journal-book.

¹ *See in the Original.*

C H A P T E R XIX.

The Form and Causes of Ejection.

I. **W**HENsoever there shall be cause for the Ejection of any Fellow out of the Society, the President shall at some meeting thereof cancel his name in the Register, and at the same time pronounce him ejected in these words :

I do by the authority, and in the name of the Royal Society of London for improving natural knowledge, declare A. B. to be now ejected, and no longer a Fellow thereof.

And the Ejection of every such person shall be recorded in the Journal-book.

II. If any Fellow of the Society shall contemtuously, or contumaciously, disobey the Statutes or Orders of the Society; or shall by speaking, writing, or printing, publicly defame the Society; or advisedly, and maliciously, do any thing to the damage and detriment thereof, he shall be ejected out of the Society.

C H A P T E R XX.

Of the selecting of Papers laid before the Society, in order for Publication.

AS ' it will tend to the credit and honour of this Society, so far to take under their care and inspection the Publication of such Papers,

** This and the following Chapter were added March 26, 1752.*

as shall have been read before, or communicated to them, at their weekly meetings, as to appoint a Committee to assemble together, and select from the said Papers such of them, as they shall think proper to be printed; and to order, that no other Papers shall be published in the *Philosophical Transactions*, than such, as shall have been so selected by the said Committee: Be it therefore enacted and declared, as part of the *By-laws and Statutes of this Society*:

THAT the Members of the Council of this Society, for the time being, shall constitute and be a standing Committee of the same Society, to whom the consideration of the Publication of such Papers, as shall have been read before, or communicated to them, at their weekly meetings, shall from time to time be referred; and that the several meetings of the said Committee shall be appointed by the President, or in case of his sickness, or absence, by one of the Vice-presidents; and that due and sufficient notice of such meeting shall be sent previously thereto, to every Member of the said Committee.

THAT no less number than five of the Members of the said Committee (of which number the President, or in his absence a Vice-president, always to be one) shall be a *Quorum*, capable of acting in relation to the said Papers.

THAT the majority of the said Committee, present at any meeting thereof, shall be at liberty to call in to their assistance, at that or any other

other subsequent meeting, any other Members of the Society, who are knowing and well skilled in any particular branch of science, that shall happen to be the subject matter of any Paper, which shall be then to come under their deliberation; and that the persons so called in to assist, altho not Members of the Committee, may give their votes on all Papers to be considered of at such meeting, at which they shall be desired to assist, in the same manner, as the Members of the said Committee may do.

THAT at every meeting of the Committee, their method of proceeding upon the Papers to be considered by them shall be this: The first entry in the Minute-book of the Society, relating to any Paper, upon which the opinion of the Committee shall not have been taken, shall be read; and if any Member shall so desire, the Paper itself shall be read, but otherwise only the minute relating thereto: after which there shall be no debate or altercation, but the question shall be immediately put, whether that Paper shall be printed in the *Philosophical Transactions*; unless the majority of the Committee shall be of opinion, for adjourning the consideration of it to a subsequent meeting: and the question shall be always decided by ballot, and never by voices, in order to leave every Member more at liberty to give his vote freely, in favour of or against the question; which shall be taken and deemed to be carried or lost, according

as the greater number of balls shall be in the white or black drawer of the box: But if upon any question the number of balls shall be equal in each drawer of the box, the further consideration of the question shall be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee; and a minute shall be made for the taking that question into consideration, at the next meeting of the Committee, before any other business shall be entered upon; and the next entry in the Minute-book of the Society shall be proceeded upon in the like manner; and after the question shall have been decided as to that, the several others shall be so proceeded upon, according to the order, in which they respectively stand in the said Minute-book of the Society: And that, when at the second balloting upon the same question there shall still be an equality of votes, it shall be determined in the negative.

THAT whensoever it shall appear by the ballot to be the sense of the Committee, that any Paper shall be made public in the *Philosophical Transactions*, an entry thereof shall be made in the Minute-book of the said Committee; but that, where the majority upon the ballot shall appear to be against printing any Paper, no entry whatsoever shall be made in the Minute-book of the said Committee, in relation to such Paper, so thought improper to be laid before the public.

CHAPTER XXI.

Of the Manner of Publication of the Papers laid before the Society, and defraying the Expences thereof.

I. **W**Hereas the Council have thought proper to direct and order, that for the future the *Philosophical Transactions* should be printed at the sole charge, and for the sole use and benefit of the Society, and the Fellows thereof; to the intent that each of the present Fellows, who actually contribute and pay towards the support of the Society, or who have compounded for such contribution, according to the rules and orders established in relation thereto, or who have for other particular reasons been exonerated and discharged from such contribution by order of the Council, might receive gratis (but under proper limitations and restrictions) one copy of such of the *Philosophical Transactions*, as shall be so printed, as aforesaid; and that all persons, who shall hereafter be admitted Fellows, should under the same conditions receive and be intituled to the like benefit and advantage, from the time of their respective admissions: **THEREFORE**, for the better carrying the said intention into execution, the said Council do hereby order and enact as followeth, that is to say:

THAT

THAT once at least in every year a proper portion of the Papers, which have been communicated to the Society, shall be printed, under the name and title of *Philosophical Transactions*.

THAT the time and manner of printing those Papers shall be fixed and determined by the Council, as occasion shall require.

THAT such a number of the copies so printed, as shall be sufficient to supply the Fellows of the Society, shall be delivered to the Clerk of the Society; who shall enter in a book, to be provided for that purpose, the number of copies received by him, for which he shall be accountable to the Council for the time being.

THAT the Clerk shall deliver gratis one of the said copies to every Fellow of the Society (except as herein after excepted) who shall demand the same, either in person, or by a letter, or other writing under the hand of such Fellow, as shall not come in person to make such demand.

THAT every Fellow, or other person impowered as aforesaid, by letter or other writing under the hand of any Fellow, to receive a copy on his behalf, to whom a copy of such *Philosophical Transactions* shall be delivered, shall at the same time acknowledge under his hand, in the before mentioned book, his having received the said copy.

THAT in order, that the Fellows may be apprized of the time, when it will be proper for them

them to come or send for their respective copies, due and timely notice shall be given in some one or more of the public News-papers, and also at three several meetings of the Society (in case the Society shall hold their meetings at that time of the year) of the day upon which, and the place where, the Clerk will begin to deliver out the said copies, as aforesaid; which day and place shall be fixed, and appointed, by the President for the time being.

THAT the book, wherein the entry shall be made of the number of printed copies delivered to the Clerk, and wherein the several Fellows, or the persons impowered to receive the copies on behalf of any Fellows, shall sign an acknowledgement, as aforesaid, of their having received their respective copies, shall be laid before the Council by the Clerk at every meeting thereof.

THAT the several letters, or written orders, for the delivery of copies of the *Philosophical Transactions*, for the use of such of the Fellows, as do not in person come for and demand the same, shall be put upon a file, and kept by the Clerk; who shall produce the same to the Council, whensoever they shall require him so to do.

PROVIDED always, that no Fellow of the Society whatsoever shall be intituled to demand, or receive any such copy of the *Transactions*, until he shall have first discharged all arrears due from him to the Society; and shall have compleated all payments up to the last preceding

ding day, appointed by the Statutes for the quarterly payment of the contributions.

PROVIDED also, that no Fellow of the Society whatsoever shall receive, or be intituled to receive, gratis any copy or copies of the *Transactions*, so printed as aforesaid, after one year shall be elapsed, from the time of the Clerk's having begun to deliver out such copies respectively; but that his neglecting to demand them for so long a time shall be deemed a forfeiture, and dereliction of his right thereto: unless the Council for the time being, upon their being made acquainted with the reason of, or some excuse for such delay, shall order the same to be so delivered.

PROVIDED also, that if the number of copies so to be printed, as aforesaid, shall be greater, than what will be requisite to supply each of the Fellows with one copy; such supernumerary copies, as also all such, as shall remain in the hands of the Clerk, after that one year shall be elapsed, from the time of his having begun to deliver out such copies respectively, shall be disposed of at such times, and in such manner, as the Council for the time being shall order and direct.

II. AND whereas the great Charge and Expende of printing so large a number of copies, as may happen to be demanded by the present and future Fellows, must be defrayed out of the stock or fund of the Society; and it is but reasonable that all persons, who for the
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future shall be propounded to be, and shall be admitted Fellows of the Society, and consequently will become intituled to receive gratis a copy of such of the *Transactions*, as shall be printed after their respective admissions, should contribute in some measure towards defraying the said extraordinary Expence: It is hereby further ordered and enacted, that no person whatsoever, who shall be propounded after the eighth day of April next to be a Fellow of the Society, shall be admitted as a Fellow thereof, until he shall have paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the Society, or his Deputy, the sum of Three pounds and three shillings, over and above the Two pounds and two shillings, which have hitherto been paid, as an admission fee, by every Fellow of the Society, previously to his admission as a Fellow thereof.

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ERRATA. Page 22, line 4: read consiliarium. 26, 14: Iusticiariis. 51, 29: situata. 32: hamletas. 70, 17: or.

